The Walker Art Center is a catalyst for the creative expression of artists and the active engagement of audiences. Focusing on the visual, performing, and media arts of our time, the Walker takes a global, multidisciplinary, and diverse approach to the creation, presentation, interpretation, collection, and preservation of art. Walker programs examine the questions that shape and inspire us as individuals, cultures, and communities.

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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

On June 30, the Walker Art Center completed another remarkably successful fiscal year, and we are delighted to share with you in this annual report some of the amazing achievements made possible by your patronage. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your steadfast support over this past year, which enabled the Walker to engage and inspire audiences with the most innovative artistic programming across the disciplines and to remain one of the leading art centers in the world.

You will read in the pages of this report that, last year alone, more than 671,700 people visited the Walker and the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden to experience some 1,425 artistic presentations and engagements, 11 exhibitions, more than 100 performances, 170 film/video screenings, and nearly 1,000 lectures, workshops, tours, panel discussions, and other educational and community events. This astonishing number of visitors places the Walker among the top 5 most visited modern and contemporary art museums nationally, and among the 10 most popular tourist attractions in Minnesota.

It is remarkable to think that more than four years have passed since the Walker expansion designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architects Herzog & de Meuron opened in April 2005 to great public and critical acclaim. The expanded galleries, the new McGuire Theater for performing arts, the renovated cinema, and new public spaces enhanced with technology for audience engagement have enabled the Walker to more fully embody its mission as a multidisciplinary art center and creative catalyst in the Twin Cities and beyond. Shortly after the opening of its expansion, the Walker was acknowledged by the New York Times as one of the best contemporary arts institutions in the country, second only to New York's Museum of Modern Art.

Since that time, the Walker has experienced a significant shift in leadership. I was thrilled to join the Walker as its new director in January 2008, succeeding former director Kathy Halbreich, who is now at the Museum of Modern Art in New York after 16 years of visionary leadership at the Walker. I want to thank you again for so warmly welcoming me into this amazing community and for all you do to ensure that this institution remains at the forefront of innovation, experimentation, and the direct support of artists.

Just as you made me feel at home, I want to thank you for welcoming Darsie Alexander as our new chief curator in November 2008, following former chief curator and deputy director Philippe Vergne's departure for the Dia Art Foundation in New York. Formerly senior curator and department head of contemporary art at the Baltimore Museum of Art (BMA), Darsie has curated both historically important and up-to-the-moment exhibitions and brings a dynamic curatorial perspective to the Walker. I have admired her creativity, ambitious exhibitions, and successful expansion of the contemporary program at the BMA for many years and am thrilled to have her on the Walker team. In her new role, Darsie is working across the curatorial departments of visual arts, performing arts, film, and design to bring our multidisciplinary mission to life and to nurture new art across the disciplines.

In addition, Darsie is leading a new initiative to move our interdisciplinary directive forward. As an art center that places equal emphasis on visual, performing, and media arts, the Walker is in the unique position of providing artists an unparalleled platform in which to make new work without regard to the disciplinary or departmental hierarchies within the traditional museum structure. Only the Walker brings together so many diverse art forms on such a consistent basis and impressive scale, presenting the most influential artists and ideas of our time. Because of this, the Walker is better positioned than any other institution to be a truly 21st-century art center.

The Walker's interdisciplinary platform not only distinguishes it from other institutions nationally, but also differentiates its collecting and presenting focus from its local and regional peers. Artists' capacity to readily shift platforms, moving from sculpture to installation and performance and back again, played out in acquisitions that deepen our holdings on an international scale. For example, following the exhibition Tetsumi Kudo: Garden of Metamorphosis, the Walker acquired a series of objects by the artist as well as his major installation entitled Philosophy of Impotence, or Distribution of Map of Impotence and the Appearance of Protective Domes at the Points of Saturation (1961–1962), considered one of the most important works of its era. At the same time as historical figures found their way into the Walker collection this year, we also continued to support the work of younger artists who comprise such an important part of the Walker's collecting mission. Space-transforming works by such artists as Trisha Donnelly, whose memorable sphinxes (Untitled, 2008) appeared in the exhibition The Quick and the Dead, are balanced by others that possess a more narrative strain, including a projection piece by Cao Fei, a Chinese artist inspired by Second Life. The diverse sensibilities and outlets of an array of multidisciplinary artists will form the backbone of the upcoming collections installation, which will bring the disciplines together along with new artist commissions and curatorial projects. Event Horizon, featured in an extended suite of galleries, is scheduled to open in November 2009.

The opportunity to advance our interdisciplinary mandate has been a topic of intense discussion among Walker staff and trustees over this past year and, consequently, one of the core ideas informing the development of our new strategic plan. Discussions about a new long-range plan began in September 2008 with a reexamination of the Walker's mission to be a "catalyst for the creative expression of artists and the active engagement of audiences." This mission was affirmed along with our long-standing commitment to innovation and experimentation, to fostering the development of new art, and to supporting living artists globally across the disciplines. These values remain integral to the Walker's work to realize its full potential as "more than a museum" and a model 21st-century town square — a place for active civic engagement and communal dialogue around issues of contemporary culture and creativity.

As we worked to develop our new strategic plan over the past several months, the unprecedented volatility of the economy brought significant challenges to the Walker along with many of our sister institutions locally and nationally. In response, our new strategic plan prioritizes a stable funding and operational environment in which the institution's long-term artistic, creative, and social vision can be realized while continuing to deliver a balanced budget in the current and subsequent fiscal years. To this end, we made significant adjustments in the spring of 2009, including reducing our overall budget by 9 percent from \$21.3 million to \$19.4 million. I am pleased to report that the Walker finished its fiscal year with a balanced budget for the 28th consecutive time, an impressive achievement for any nonprofit organization, especially considering the current economic climate.

In the upcoming 2009–2010 fiscal year, we have made an additional 2 percent reduction, ultimately taking the Walker to a \$19.1 million budget (a \$2.2 million or 11 percent reduction overall). While these actions are necessary and the ramifications are certainly felt across the institution, I am very pleased to report that we were able to avoid major cuts to programming and staff layoffs due to the generosity of many close friends and trustees who have made special gifts to the institution. For their incredibly kind support during this critical time, I cannot say thank-you enough.

Despite these challenges, the Walker remains determined to resist retrenchment in favor of embracing opportunities to leverage our assets and leadership positions. Outlined in our new strategic plan will be a number of new initiatives that will help us build on our core strengths, continue our legacy of experimentation and innovation, and remain at the cultural forefront, serving as a catalyst for creativity in the local, national, and international communities. We are immensely excited about these new initiatives, and I look forward to sharing more details with you once our new strategic plan has been fully vetted and approved by our board of trustees in the fall of 2009.

For making all of the extraordinary programming and activities outlined in the following pages of this annual report possible, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our world-class staff and tremendously committed board. Your collective intellectual and financial contributions, unwavering enthusiasm, and remarkable dedication help make the Walker all that it is today—a diverse, multidisciplinary, global institution committed to being a welcoming and engaging place for all.

As you peruse our report, I hope you feel as proud as we do of our many accomplishments and the outstanding programs we presented across the disciplines last year. For making all that we do here at the Walker possible, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to many individuals, corporations, foundations, and government agencies for their stalwart support year after year. Nearly 40 percent of our annual income comes from generous contributors such as you; I am so grateful for your continuing support and very pleased to acknowledge your contributions in this report. I also want to take this opportunity to thank our Premier Partners—Best Buy, General Mills, Target, and Star Tribune—for continuing to support our work to engage diverse audiences with the art and artists of our time.

The Walker is truly a remarkable institution, but none of our accomplishments would be possible without your incredible support. Thank you so much for everything you do for this institution!

Olga Viso Director

> "Those who love to wander among artworks in a gallery will certainly have their chance . . . but those who want to be part of the conversation about pathways that art is taking will also get their chance to be heard. This has the potential to foist the Walker into an even more compelling role than it's had in the past: as a catalyst for change, and a community cohesion point, not just as a collection of galleries with the latest and edgiest of art."

— Twin Cities Luxury + Fashion, February 2009

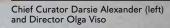


Photo: Cameron Wittig



Trisha Brown Dance Company Man Walking Down the Side of a Building Free First Saturday/Minneapolis Sculpture Garden 20th Anniversary July 5, 2008

Photo: Gene Pittman

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Momentum: New Dance Works Maia Maiden with Ellena Schoop The Foundation, et cetera July 17–19, 2008

Photo: Cameron Wittig





Journeys to Nowhere: Selections from the Collection August 14–November 30, 2008 Still from Pierre Huyghe's A Journey That Wasn't (2005)

Photo: Danny Bright, courtesy Marian Goodman Gallery, New York

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New Acquisition: Tetsumi Kudo Olympic Winners Platform (Pollution Olympics—Pollution Game—L'art pressentiment) (1970–1972)

Photo: Gene Pittman



# VISUAL ARTS

The visual arts program in 2008–2009 offered a rich platform of exhibitions and programs that presented important new scholarship, introduced Twin Cities audiences to artists and works never before shown at the Walker, and foregrounded its collections in new and unexpected ways. The fall headliner was the Walker-organized exhibition *Tetsumi Kudo: Garden* of *Metamorphosis*, the first solo museum presentation of the late Japanese artist's work in the United States. With his provocative sculptures, paintings, drawings, and installations combining sculptural fragments of the human body with found objects and abstract gestures, Kudo bridged many artistic tendencies emerging at mid-century while retaining

"[Tetsumi Kudo's] innovation is recognized just by reading the media list on his 1966 work Your Portrait, which consists of a model of a man sitting in a box: painted wood case, cage, cotton, plastic, polyester, chains, receipts, tram tickets, condom. How did America take a pass on art like that?! Thank goodness the Walker is here to introduce us to what Europe and Japan were digging from 1956–86. Better late than never."

— City Pages, October 15, 2008 (on Tetsumi Kudo: Garden of Metamorphosis)

a singular, uncompromising vision. In addition to introducing this underrecognized artist to American audiences, this exhibition and its catalogue added important new scholarship to our understanding of the many alternative narratives of 20th-century art. We are grateful to the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation and the Japan Foundation for their support of this groundbreaking exhibition.

A major partnership occurred early in the season between the Walker and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, as the two institutions jointly presented the exhibition *Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future*, the first comprehensive museum retrospective of one of the most prolific, unorthodox, and controversial architects of the 20th century. The Walker's presentation

## **EXHIBITIONS**

- Worlds Away: New Suburban Landscapes Organized by the Walker Art Center in association with the Heinz Architectural Center, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh Co-curated by Andrew Blauvelt, Walker Art Center, and Tracy Myers, Heinz Architectural Center, Carnegie Museum of Art February 16–August 17, 2008
- Richard Prince: Spiritual America Organized by the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation Curatorial coordination by Philippe Vergne March 22–September 14, 2008

Trisha Brown: So That the Audience Does Not Know Whether I Have Stopped Dancing Curated by Peter Eleey April 18–July 20, 2008

Statements: Beuys, Flavin, Judd Curated by Yasmil Raymond May 15, 2008–July 12, 2009

Design for the Other 90% Organized by the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum Curatorial coordination by Andrew Blauvelt May 24–September 7, 2008

Journeys to Nowhere: Selections from the Collection Curated by Elizabeth Carpenter and Doryun Chong August 14–November 30, 2008

Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future Organized by the Finnish Cultural Institute in New York, the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., and the Museum of Finnish Architecture with the support of Yale University School of Architecture Copresented with the Minneapolis Institute of Arts Curatorial coordination by Andrew Blauvelt, Walker Art Center, and Jennifer Olivarez, Minneapolis Institute of Arts September 13, 2008– January 4, 2009

Tetsumi Kudo: Garden of Metamorphosis Curated by Doryun Chong October 18, 2008–March 22, 2009

Text/Messages: Books by Artists Curated by Siri Engberg and Rosemary Furtak December 18, 2008–April 19, 2009

Live Forever: Elizabeth Peyton Organized by the New Museum, New York Curatorial coordination by Elizabeth Carpenter February 14–June 14, 2009

The Quick and the Dead Curated by Peter Eleey April 25–September 27, 2009

Tomás Saraceno: Lighter than Air Curated by Yasmil Raymond May 14–August 30, 2009

The Shape of Time April 17, 2005–October 25, 2009

Elemental April 17, 2005 – January 24, 2010

Mythologies April 17, 2005 – September 27, 2009

ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE

Tomás Saraceno

### PERFORMANCE EVENT

Sharon Hayes: Revolutionary Love 2 Presented by Creative Time with the Walker Art Center as part of the UnConvention Revolutionary Love 2 was a part of Democracy in America, a national public art initiative organized by Creative Time was generously supported by longtime trustee Judy Dayton and lead sponsor Target.

The arrival of the Republican National Convention in St. Paul in September was marked by artist Sharon Hayes' *Revolutionary Love 2: I Am Your Best Fantasy*, the second of a two-part political action presented by Creative Time and the UnConvention as part of Creative Time's 2008 national public art initiative Democracy in America: The National Campaign. On this important occasion, the Walker served as local coordinator.

The winter months brought two new exhibitions to Walker audiences. *Text/Messages: Books by Artists* examined ways that books have historically been an important arena for artists who have used the medium to explore the use of handmade papers, unconventional methods of binding and printing, and the inclusion of unexpected materials in their publications. Many contemporary artists are also engaged with a more abstract notion of the "book," and where that idea can lead them in making a work of art. For the past three decades, the Walker's library has amassed a significant collection of artists' and illustrated books, now numbering some 2,000 objects. We want to thank Babe Davis for supporting this examination of a rich and rarely exhibited part of the Walker's collections.

In February, the Walker presented *Live Forever: Elizabeth Peyton*, a full survey of the work of this influential American painter who emerged in the mid-1990s as an important new voice in the genre of portraiture. Executed on a small scale, and often based on found photographs, snapshots, or moving-image stills, Peyton's paintings capture figures from both popular culture and her own experience, collectively portraying a moment in time that is at once personal and universal. Organized by the New Museum, New York, the Walker's presentation was generously supported by the Private Client Reserve at U.S. Bank, Joan and John Nolan, and Donna and Jim Pohlad.

Adding to the year's roster of Walker-organized exhibitions, The Quick and the Dead opened the spring season, offering visitors an experience that invited contemplation and participation while engaging the senses. Reinvestigating the notion of "conceptual art," the works featured in the exhibition suggested that art can expose what we don't know as easily as it can reveal to us new worlds and dimensions. The term "conceptual" generally refers to works and practices from the 1960s and 1970s that emphasized the idea over object, foregrounding language, action, and context rather than visual form. With major support from the Andy Warhol Foundation and the Mondriaan Foundation, Amsterdam, The Quick and the Dead brought together an international roster of more than 50 artists, juxtaposing a core group from this formative period with more recent practitioners. The works presented — from painting, sculpture, and photography to film, sound pieces, and performance — revealed a layered and multidisciplinary tradition of art-making that is very much alive.

"[The Quick and the Dead is] a triumph of coherent curatorial vision and carefully considered installation. The work is cerebral, but witty; the philosophical meanings are erudite, but universal at their core. And as varied as the pieces are in form and conception, each one plays beautifully off the others nearby, as if in conversation."

— MinnPost.com, April 24, 2009

The Walker has a long and rich history of building its collections and exhibition program through sustained relationships with artists. The year began with Journeys to Nowhere: Selections from the Collection, an exhibition that featured as its centerpiece artist Pierre Huyghe's A Journey That Wasn't (2005), a room-size film installation that premiered at the 2006 Whitney Biennial and was then acquired jointly by the Walker and the Whitney Museum of American Art. Complex and often contradictory tendencies of modernity-in particular, humanity's simultaneous destruction of nature and yearning for utopia-were seen in this and other works from the collection by such artists as Joseph Cornell and Christopher Williams. Other artists from the Walker's holdings included in the exhibition were chosen for their connections to themes of expedition and adventure, and for their poetic representations of voyages to both real places and internal geographies.

Sometimes, these relationships begin with an invitation to be part of an exhibition, as was the case with Tomás Saraceno, an Argentinian-born artist whose work was included in the 2007 Walker exhibition *Brave New Worlds*. Known for his floating sculptures that employ principles from aeronautics and architecture, Saraceno makes objects and installations from a wide range of industrial materials that strive for a harmonic balance between mediated and natural worlds. In 2008, the Walker acquired a major Saraceno sculpture from *Brave New Worlds* as part of its "First Works" acquisitions

#### TOURING EXHIBITIONS

Kara Walker: My Complement, My Enemy, My Oppressor, My Love Museum of Modern Art, Fort Worth, TX July 3–October 19, 2008

### Frida Kahlo

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art June 14–September 28, 2008

Brave New Worlds La Colección Jumex, Mexico City April 26–July 21, 2008

Worlds Away: New Suburban Landscapes Heinz Architectural Center, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh October 4, 2008–January 19, 2009 Yale School of Architecture Gallery, New Haven, CT March 2–May 10, 2009

American Modernism: Masterworks from the Collections of the San Francisco Museum of Art and Walker Art Center Curated by Elizabeth Carpenter Museo Dolores Olmedo, Xochimilco, Mexico City July 5–October 8, 2008

Kara Walker

GL Strand, Copenhagen November 8, 2008– January 18, 2009 fund, established by the Walker Collectors' Group to introduce new artists into the collection. The artist was subsequently invited to participate in a residency here in 2009, which was supported by a grant from the Nimoy Foundation. During his residency, Saraceno engaged Twin Cities communities in workshops, conversations, and ultimately the construction of a work of art: *Museo aero solar*, a solar-powered balloon made from hundreds of reused plastic bags. This residency led to the Walker-organized *Tomás Saraceno: Lighter than Air*, a solo show of new work that opened in May. The residency and exhibition, made possible by generous support from Walker trustee John Taft, the Harpo Foundation, and 3M, illustrate the Walker's continued priority to place artists at the center of its mission.

In addition to the many gifts that supported Walker exhibitions last year, we were fortunate to enjoy the ongoing engagement of the Walker Collectors' Group, co-chaired by Sally Blanks and Randy Hartten and sponsored by Lowry Hill. This year, the group organized and funded the acquisition of a suite of paintings by local artist Melba Price, and also explored the broader contemporary art scene through talks, tours, travel, and other events with Walker curators.

We are grateful to Target for generously sponsoring our opening events, including Director's Circle dinners and Walker After Hours preview parties. We also want to recognize our media partner *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine* and our hotel partners Chambers, The Luxury Art Hotel and W Minneapolis–The Foshay for their support of Walker exhibitions.

From monographic surveys to thematic presentations to important institutional partnerships, the Walker's commitment to presenting groundbreaking and diverse presentations of contemporary art and design in all of its forms was evident throughout the 2008–2009 exhibition season. In this exciting year of programming, Walker audiences were invited to uncover the artistic process through the exploration of new work and a renewed engagement with the institution's wide-ranging collections, which illuminate its own history in a multiplicity of ways. As we plan the reinstallation of the collection in the coming year, we look forward to the stories it continues to reveal about the many ways that art shapes our lives.

Darsie Alexander Chief Curator







Summer Music and Movies July 14-August 18 left: Robert Rosen's All the King's Men (1949) right: Califone Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future September 13, 2008–January 4, 2009

Photo: Gene Pittman







Merce Cunningham Dance Company Ocean Rainbow Quarry, Waite Park, Minnesota September 11–13, 2008

Photo: Cameron Wittig

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Merce Cunningham Dance Company Ocean September 11–13, 2008

Photo: Cameron Wittig

## **PERFORMING ARTS**

It was almost as if the entire four-decade history of the performing arts program at the Walker was destined to lead to this pinnacle moment—the mounting of legendary dance innovator Merce Cunningham's monumental Ocean. The largest, most audacious work of his 60-year career (rarely staged in America since its creation in 1994) was performed at the bottom of a granite guarry in central Minnesota with 150 classical instrumentalists drawn from across the state surrounding the audience, which in turn surrounded the Cunningham dancers on the elaborately constructed in-theround stage. Audiences and major media came from far and wide (we bussed many in the community from the Walker more than an hour north to Waite Park) to witness the grand and unlikely artistic spectacle. Ocean's remarkable success felt fitting, given that it was conceived by John Cage (whose work and ideas continue to influence artists across disciplines) and his longtime partner Cunningham, a creator with whom the Walker's performing arts department has enjoyed its longest and deepest sustained relationship. The breathtaking, critically acclaimed work opened the 2008-2009 season and was shot by video artist Charles Atlas for later theatrical release. Cunningham, who was here with us for the entire week of Ocean, sadly passed away 10 months later in July 2009. The final mounting of his masterpiece in the Rainbow Quarry will always stand as one of his most remarkable achievements. Of course, this nearly \$1 million project, years in the making, could never have been accomplished without the enormous support of copresenting partners Northrop Dance at the University of Minnesota, the Benedicta Arts Center of the College of Saint Benedict, and Martin Marietta Materials (the generous owners/operators of the quarry). We are deeply grateful for the generosity and leadership of Sage and John Cowles, the National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpieces: Presenting program, and the numerous individuals and organizations that helped make Ocean possible.

The season was bookended by artistic spectacle and success, concluding with the return of Rock the Garden, this year featuring four of new rock's most intriguing music-makers: the Decemberists, Calexico, Yeasayer, and Solid Gold. The excitement around the strong festival lineup and the popularity of the event attracted a sold-out audience of more than 10,000, comfortably spread out on the natural amphitheater of the green space next to the Walker. Coproduced with Minnesota Public Radio's 89.3 The Current, Rock the Garden 2009 was generously sponsored by Brit's Pub and Eating Establishment, with supporting sponsors Häagen-Dazs Shops

### PERFORMANCES

36th Annual Choreographers' Evening: Curated by Sally Rousse Batsheva Dance Company: Shalosh (Three) Bonnie "Prince" Billy Trisha Brown Dance Company: Early Site-Specific Works (1970 - 1979)The Builders Association: Continuous City \* Merce Cunningham Dance Company: Ocean **Dirty Projectors** Eiko & Koma: Hunger \* ° Gift Shop: A Tribute to Carei F. Thomas Dobet Gnahoré David Gordon Pick Up Performance Co(S.): Uncivil Wars: Moving with Brecht and Eisler \* ° Charlie Haden's Liberation Orchestra with Carla Blev Jon Hassell Cynthia Hopkins: The Success of Failure (or, The Failure of Success) \* ° Kassin +2 (Domenico Lancelotti, Moreno Veloso, and Alexandre Kassin) Yusef Lateef with Douglas Ewart, Roscoe Mitchell, and Adam Rudolph Lo Còr de la Plana The Magnetic Fields Jason Moran: In My Mind: Monk at Town Hall (1959) New World Dance: New York, featuring Nami Yamamoto, Nora Chipaumire, and luciana achugar Jay Scheib, Anthony Gatto, Zeitgeist, **IACK**, and Chris Larson: The Making of Americans \* ' Donna Uchizono Company: Thin Air Dean Wareham and Britta Phillips: 13 Most Beautiful... Songs for Andy Warhol's "Screen Tests"

## MOMENTUM: NEW DANCE WORKS

Chris Schlichting: love things \* ° Maia Maiden with Ellena Schoop: The Foundation, et cetera \* ° Anna Marie Shogren: La Brea (nee l'm a jerk) \* ° Eddie Oroyan: Brown Rocket \* °

## **OUT THERE 21 SERIES**

Tim Crouch: England Young Jean Lee: Church \* National Theater of the United States of America: Chautauqua! \* Toshiki Okada/chelfitsch: Five Days in March

## **UK PERFORMANCE NOW! SERIES**

Tim Crouch: England Hoipolloi Theater: Story of a Rabbit Ray Lee: Siren Gary Stevens: Ape

#### SUMMER MUSIC AND MOVIES

The Alarmists Black Audience Califone Mark Mallman M.anifest Mouthfull of Bees

#### ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE

The Builders Association Eiko & Koma David Gordon Cynthia Hopkins National Theater of the United States of America Jay Scheib/Anthony Gatto

\* = Walker commissions

° = Premieres

### TOURING WALKER COMMISSIONS

The BodyCartography Project: Holiday House PS122, New York, January 2009 Trisha Brown: Foray Forêt Hellenic Festival at Piraeous D, Athens, Greece, July 2008 Palais Royal, Paris, July 2008 Dance Center of Columbia College, Chicago, October 2008 Les Gemeaux, Sceaux, France, May 2009 The Builders Association: **Continuous City** Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, Urbana, IL, September 2008 Prelude '08, City University of New York, September 2008

and the University of St. Thomas Opus College of Business. We are also grateful to media partner Vita.mn, official beer Summit Brewing Company, VIP Gorilla Garden sponsor Flashlight Photorental, and zero-waste partner Eureka Recycling.

Between Ocean and Rock the Garden, the Walker supported a full season of groundbreaking dance, experimental theater, jazz, new opera, avant-rock, new music-theater, and performance art. The season included seven major Walker-

"We will invent the future of entertainment: Someone has to do it — and Minnesotans have a track record of creating the Next Big Thing: Bob Dylan reinvented popular music, F. Scott Fitzgerald reinvented the novel; the Guthrie essentially created regional theater, and the Walker Art Center has emerged as a tastemaker in the world of performing arts."

— *Minnesota Monthly*, June 2008 (projecting the future trends in Minnesota over the next 150 years)

commissioned works, six of which received production residencies — a critical span of time in our state-of-the-art McGuire Theater (ranging from a few days to several weeks) when artists can mount their works with full technical, logistical, and artistic support from the Walker. Projects that received 2008-2009 production residencies included dance artists Eiko & Koma's Hunger, the Builders Association's Continuous City, Jay Scheib and Anthony Gatto's operatic telling of Gertrude Stein's The Making of Americans, the National Theater of the United States of America's Chautaugua!, David Gordon's Uncivil Wars: Moving with Brecht and Eisler, and singer/composer/theater artist Cynthia Hopkins' The Success of Failure (or, The Failure of Success), the final part of a trilogy of new music-theater works that we have supported since 2004. Nearly all of these pieces went on to tour nationally, sometimes internationally, following their production runs at the Walker.

Embedded in the season was a four-part series of new works coming from England and Wales called UK Performance Now!, which traced a diverse range of fresh performance styles. The series, generously supported by the British Council, was very successful, selling out many of its 17 performances. One of these, Gary Stevens' Ape, was produced as a minitour of alternative spaces in the Twin Cities with longtime partners Red Eye, Open Eye Figure Theatre, and Bryant Lake Bowl. Tim Couch's *England* was part of both the UK series and our Out There 21 festival of alternative performances, along with commissioned works by Young Jean Lee and National Theater of the United States of America. The monthlong festival also introduced Japanese theater artist Toshiki Okada and his company, chelfitsch.

Highlights of the music programming included two outstanding, large-scale contemporary jazz projects - Charlie Haden's Liberation Music Orchestra with special guest Carla Bley, and Jason Moran's remarkable Thelonious Monk tribute In My Mind: Monk at Town Hall (1959)—as well as a special collaborative concert featuring jazz master Yusef Lateef performing with Douglas Ewart, Roscoe Mitchell, and Adam Rudolph. All three were copresented with Northrop Jazz at the University of Minnesota. The music continued with a four-part avant-rock program featuring some of the freshest, most innovative rock and pop music-makers on the scene today — Magnetic Fields, Bonnie "Prince" Billy, Dirty Projectors, and Dean & Britta's Screen Tests project, which set new songs to 13 of Andy Warhol's iconic silent film portraits from the early '60s. Global music included a rare concert by electronic music/trumpet pioneer Ion Hassell as well as French vocal sensations Lo Còr de la Plana and Côte d'Ivoire wonder Dobet Gnahoré. The last two events were copresented with the Cedar Cultural Center.

In addition to Eiko & Koma's work, other dance programs included Israel's Batsheva Dance Company, copresented with Northrop Dance; New York's Donna Uchizono Company; and a Walker-curated program called New World Dance: New York, featuring new global choreographic voices Nami Yamamoto, Nora Chipaumire, and Iuciana achugar.

Summer programming shone with our two annual series. The ever-popular Summer Music and Movies continued to grow with sponsorship by Lunds and additional support from Elizabeth Redleaf, the Hotel Minneapolis, and media partners *City Pages* and 89.3 The Current. Classic films were paired with popular local and national bands the Alarmists, M.anifest, Mark Mallman, Mouthful of Bees, Black Audience, and Califone. As in other years, Momentum: New Dance Works provided a significant platform for the development and presentation of adventurous pieces by Minnesota choreographers whose work has not yet been actively produced by others. This year marked the seventh for the series, in which the Walker commissions and presents choreography by local dance-makers in partnership with the Southern Theater and with support provided by the Jerome

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, November 2008 BAM Next Wave Festival, New York, November 2008 EMPAC, Rensselaer, NY, December 2008 Festival de Liège, Belgium, January 2009 Carolina Performing Arts, Chapel Hill, NC, February 2009 La Jolla Playhouse, San Diego, CA, March 2009 Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, OH, April 2009 5th International Arts Festival of Castilla y Leon, Salamanca, Spain, May 2009 Luminato Festival, Toronto, Ontario, June 2009 Eiko & Koma: Hunger Alverno College, Milwaukee, WI, October 2008 Wang Center, Stony Brook, NY, October 2008 Joyce Theater, New York, October/ November 2008 Elevator Repair Service: Gatz **Dublin Theatre Festival, Project Arts** Festival, Dublin, Ireland, September 2008 Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, November 2008 EMPAC, Rensselaer, NY, November 2008 Brisbane Powerhouse, Australia, May 2009 Sydney Opera House, Australia, May 2009 Bill Frisell Trio: Musical Portraits from Heber Springs: Disfarmer Project Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, April 2009 Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, Davis, CA, April 2009 David Gordon Pick Up Performance Co(S.): Uncivil Wars: Collaborating with Brecht and Eisler Skidmore College Dance Theater, Saratoga Springs, NY, February 2009 Cynthia Hopkins: The Success of Failure (or, The Failure of Success) St. Ann's Warehouse, New York, May/June 2009 Mathew Janczewski/Morton Subotnick: Ugly Joyce/Soho, New York, October/ November 2008 Justin Jones: the SCREEN/the THING Southern Theater, Minneapolis, June 2009

Marc Bamuthi Joseph: the break/s Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C., September 2008 NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts, New York, September 2008 Yale Repertory Theater, New Haven, CT, January 2009 Miami Dade College, Miami, February 2009 Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, March 2009 **REDCAT, Los Angeles, April 2009** ACT Theatre, Seattle, June/ July 2009 Maia Maiden with Ellena Schoop: The Foundation, et cetera Dance Place, Washington, D.C., July 2008 Meredith Monk and Ann Hamilton: Songs of Ascension REDCAT, Los Angeles, October/ November 2008 Stanford Lively Arts Memorial Auditorium, Stanford, CA, October 2008 Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, Urbana, IL, April 2009 National Theater of the United States of America: Chautaugua! The Collapsable Hole, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY, September 2008 Prelude 08 at CUNY Graduate Center, New York, September 2008 Vanderbilt University, Nashville, November 2008 PS 122, New York, February/ March 2009 David Neumann/advanced beginner group: feedforward Flynn Center, Burlington, VT, January 2009 Chris Schlichting: love things Southern Theater, Minneapolis, May 2009 Velocity Dance Center, Seattle, May 2009

ODC Theater, San Francisco, June 2009 Foundation. This year's lineup included Chris Schlichting, Anna Marie Shogren, Eddie Oroyan, and Maia Maiden with Ellena Schoop. Several Minnesota Sage Awards for Dance nominations and awards were given to this year's Momentum artists and collaborators at the September 24 ceremony, and two of the works have since toured nationally.

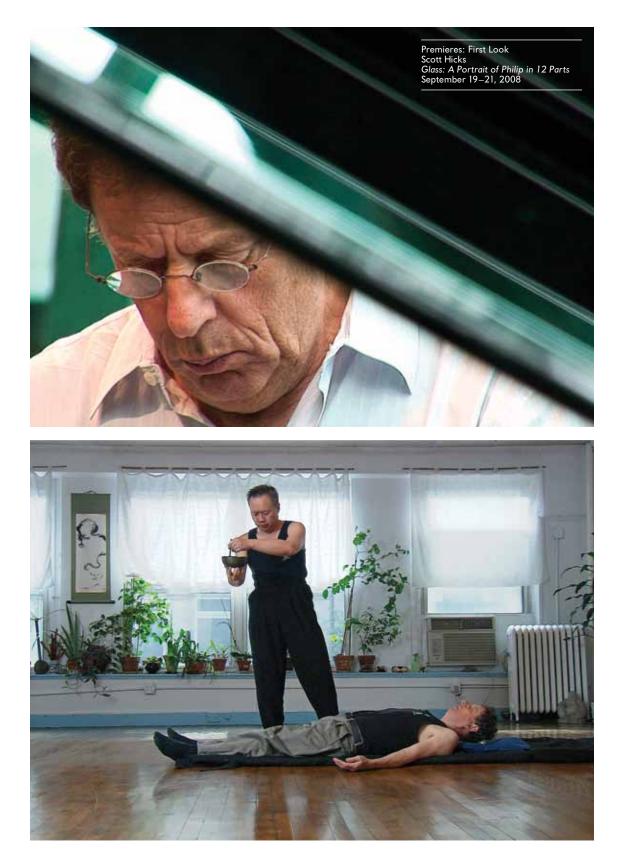
The season, once again, did not just include the presentation of adventurous new performance, but embraced dozens of social, outreach, educational, and interpretive events, including workshops, family activities, in-school lecturedemonstrations, salons, artist talks, house parties, master classes, and open rehearsals. While there have always been occasional opportunities for local audiences and artists to be featured as performers in the work of visiting artists, the 2008–2009 season set a new bar of interactivity and participatory models. National Theater of the United States of America's *Chautauqual*, David Gordon's *Uncivil Wars*, the Builders Association's *Continuous City*, Eiko & Koma's *Hunger*, Cunningham's Ocean, and our annual Choreographers' Evening all involved local artists onstage.

We are truly grateful to the generous funders of the Walker's performing arts program. For major support of the entire season, we thank the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, the William W. and Nadine M. McGuire Commissioning Fund, the McKnight Foundation, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Gray Plant Mooty generously sponsored the Dance Season again this year, and the Macy's Foundation sponsored the Music Season with media partners 89.3 The Current and Vita.mn. Additional support was provided by the Arts Midwest/Performing Arts Fund, Chamber Music America, Creative Capital, the Jerome Foundation, the National Performance Network (NPN), and the New England Foundation for the Arts.

We also want to thank the members of the Walker Producers' Council for their support of the performing arts program, including Russell Cowles; Sage and John Cowles; Molly Davies; Goodale Arts Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation; Nor Hall and Roger Hale; King's Fountain/Barbara Watson Pillsbury and Henry Pillsbury; Emily Maltz; William W. and Nadine M. McGuire; Leni and David Moore, Jr.; Josine Peters; Mike and Elizabeth Sweeney; Frances and Frank Wilkinson; Michael J. Peterman and David A. Wilson; and Penny Rand Winton.

## Philip Bither

William and Nadine McGuire Senior Curator, Performing Arts



Artist-in-residence Tomás Saraceno Installation in progress for Museo aero solar (2006–) October 11, 2008

Photo: Gene Pittman

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Tetsumi Kudo: Garden of Metamorphosis October 18, 2008–March 22, 2009

New Acquisition: Tetsumi Kudo Philosophy of Impotence, or Distribution of Map of Impotence and the Appearance of Protective Domes at the Points of Saturation (1961–1962; detail)

Photo: Gene Pittman



Eiko & Koma Hunger October 9–11, 2008

Photo: Cameron Wittig

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Mike Leigh: Moments A Regis Dialogue and Retrospective October 3–25, 2008 Naked (1993)

# FILM/VIDEO

As an art form, moving images have been part of Walker programming since the 1940s. This year, we have continued the legacy and excelled in our mission to show contemporary works that are fresh and current, to explore the history and creative use of the medium, to represent our global community, and to engage our audience with the issues that define our time.

Even with such a topsy-turvy year politically and economically, the film/video department still had incredible success with more than 49,000 people attending film events, up nearly 20 percent from last year. Ongoing annual programs included the Women with Vision Film Festival; the Regis Dialogues and Retrospectives; Premieres: First Look; Expanding the Frame; Summer Music and Movies; and Queer Takes. A new series, Views from Iran, was such a success that we are planning an encore for the coming year.

Our season kicked off last summer with outdoor screenings in Loring Park entitled Elected!, part of Summer Music and Movies, copresented with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board and sponsored by Lunds, Elizabeth Redleaf, *City Pages*, and 89.3 The Current. The series featured movies with a political bent, ranging from *Duck Soup* to *The Manchurian Candidate*. We moved inside for the remainder of the season and waited out the presidential campaigns and the arrival of the Republican National Convention to St. Paul with Cinema of Urgency, a program of documentaries exploring pressing world issues.

This year's Regis Dialogue and Retrospective programs, with continuing generous support from Regis Foundation, brought to the Walker some of the most innovative and influential filmmakers working today. First, from London, Mike Leigh (in conversation with critic Scott Foundas) explored his unusual process of directing films that examine Britain's class system with sometimes harsh and always humorous realism. Our 10-film retrospective included all of Leigh's feature films and the regional premiere of *Happy-Go-Lucky*.

Our spring Regis was William Klein: In and Out of Fashion. Legendary filmmaker and photographer William Klein, in dialogue with Mexico City Contemporary Film Festival programmer Paulina del Paso, discussed his six decades of producing direct and confrontational works that embrace a moral conscience as well as a passion for discord and social satirism. An American based in Paris, he has influenced generations of filmmakers both in this country and his adopted home, and has received renewed worldwide interest for his

#### FILM FESTIVAL

Women with Vision: Dimensions Aida Begic: Snow (Snijeg) (closing night) Julie Brigham: The Sari Soldiers Melissa Butts and Barry Kim: 3D Sun (director's talk) Mijke de Jong: Katia's Sister (Het Zusje van Katia) Ann Follett: Stop the Re-Route: Taking a Stand on Sacred Land (introduced by the director) Manijeh Hekmat: 3 Women (Sé Zan) So Yong Kim: Treeless Mountain (opening night; introduced by the director) Ayelet Menahemi: Noodle Pola Rapaport and Wolfgang Held: Hair: Let the Sunshine In Claire Simon: God's Offices (Les Bureaux de Dieu) Astra Taylor: Examined Life (introduced by the director) Agnès Varda: Beaches of Agnès (Les Plages d'Agnès) Various Directors: 7 Blind Women Filmmakers (7 Filmsaze Zan-e Nabina) **Beyond Performance & Document:** Olga Viso on Ana Mendieta Women in Film and Television International Short Film Showcase

#### PREMIERES: FIRST LOOK

Ramin Bahrani: Goodbye Solo (introduced by the director) Sergey Dvortsevoy: Tulpan Lance Hammer: Ballast (introduced by the director) Scott Hicks: Glass: A Portrait of Philip in Twelve Parts Kent Mackenzie: The Exiles Steve McQueen: Hunger

#### **REGIS DIALOGUES**

William Klein: In and Out of Fashion (in conversation with Paulina del Paso)
Mike Leigh: Moments (in conversation with Scott Foundas)
Premiere: Happy-Go-Lucky

#### **ONGOING SERIES**

2008 British Television Advertising Awards Expanding the Frame 2009 The Art and Films of Bruce Conner Terence Davies: Of Time and the City Fernando Eimbcke: Lake Tahoe Derek Jarman: Broken English, Caravaggio, Imagining October, Jubilee, The Queen Is Dead, **S**ebastiane Isaac Julien: Derek Bruce McClure: Sound and Light: **Projector Performances** An Evening with Pat O'Neill Alex Rivera: Sleep Dealer Jia Zhang-ke: 24 City (Er Shi Si Cheng Ji) Queer Takes: Standing Out John Greyson: Fig Trees Dee Mosbacher and Fawn Yacker: **Training Rules** Ayat Najafi and David Assmann: Football Under Cover lenni Olson: 575 Castro Street Nacho Velilla: Chef's Special (Fuera de Carta) **MNTV 2008** Summer Music and Movies: Elected! Views from Iran Mahnaz Afzali: The Red Card (Carte Ghermez) Pourya Azarbayjani: Unfinished Stories (Ravayat Haye Na Tamam) Manijeh Hekmat: 3 Women (Sé Zan) Abdolreza Kahani: Over There (Aan Ja) Various Directors: 7 Blind Women Filmmakers (7 Filmsaze Zan-e Nabina)

#### BEST BUY FILM/VIDEO BAY

Cunningham/Atlas: Locale and Channels/Inserts Klein x 2: William Klein: Contacts and Broadway by Light Transformative Journeys: The Animations of Tom Schroeder

#### LECTURE ROOM SCREENINGS

Melissa Butts and Barry Kimm: 3D Sun Jem Cohen: Lost Book Found Robert Drew: Primary William Klein: The Little Richard Story William Klein: Messiah work. His retrospective comprised films drawn from the Walker's Ruben/Bentson Film and Video Study Collection, which have also screened this past year in Mexico City and Melbourne, Australia.

With generous support from Elizabeth Redleaf and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, Women with Vision: Dimensions opened with the regional premiere of *Treeless Mountain*, introduced by director So Yong Kim. This festival, now in its 16th year, recognizes the contributions and

"Where we see a movie inevitably shapes our experience of that film. And when a movie plays in the Walker Art Center Cinema, it comes with helpful baggage that the lovable, fleabag arthouse cinema is increasingly unwilling or unable to provide. Beyond superior technical presentation, unobstructed sightlines, and spitspot floors, what you're really getting is assurance that the film has a place in the cinematic canon or at least something very interesting (and periodically aggravating) to say. With a glut of good films competing for theater space and your dollars, the Walker imprint provides a critical sieve."

- mspmag.com (Mpls.St.Paul Magazine), January 20, 2009

perspectives women bring to filmmaking in a world interconnected by politics and global economics. With the series Views from Iran as its centerpiece, Women with Vision also showed innovative new works from Korea, Europe, Bosnia, Nepal, and Israel. And two Minneapolis filmmakers with very different approaches screened their work—one with never-before-seen shots of the sun in 3-D and the other documenting the long history of community protest around the rerouting of Highway 55 through sacred native land.

The Premieres: First Look program, supported by Elizabeth Redleaf, presents a first chance to see a new film and was highlighted this year by Steve McQueen's Hunger, Lance Hammer's Ballast, and the regional premiere of Ramin Bahrani's Goodbye Solo. The third edition of our winter program, Expanding the Frame, focused on the theme of place and time, with films such as Terence Davies' Of Time and the City and Jia Zhang-ke's 24 City (Er Shi Si Cheng Ji). It included Bruce McClure's Sound and Light: Projector Performances, an evening of the art and films of the late Bruce Conner, and a short series of films by Derek Jarman, complemented by a regional premiere of Isaac Julien's Derek.

A special 16-film program, In the Realm of Oshima: The Films of Japanese Master Nagisa Oshima, was culled from an extensive traveling series of new and archival 35mm prints organized by James Quandt at the Cinematheque Ontario. The Walker was pleased to be the first U.S. site for this important series of one of Japan's most important filmmakers—and also arguably the most controversial. In Oshima's taboo-breaking work, he mined themes of youth, passion, sexuality, and death. His cinematic approach to such subjects broke new ground and made him a revered icon of film history.

MNTV 2008 comprised 16 Minnesota-made short films selected by three media arts organizations—IFP/MSP, Intermedia Arts, and Walker Film/Video—was broadcast over a three-week period in December by Twin Cities Public Television, then later shown on statewide public television and streamed on Google for far-reaching distribution. This year's program was viewed by more than 25,000 people.

During December the ever-popular British Television Advertising Awards, sponsored by Thomson Reuters, boasted 66 Walker screenings in 2008. The creative, shocking, and delightful ads included work by top directors Harmony Korine (*Kids, Mr. Lonely*) and Martin Scorsese (*Raging Bull*) with a dizzying take on a lost Hitchcock script.

With film's ability to serve as a catalyst for conversations, filmmakers often attend their screenings and participate in post-screening conversations. Artists who came to the Walker to discuss their work often extended their visits. Astra Taylor (*Examined Life*) spoke at the University of Minnesota, and Ramin Bahrani's master class attracted film students from many local colleges to the Walker.

We are pleased to have sustained long-term partnerships with vibrant arts and educational organizations throughout the Twin Cities. We are thankful to our many partners with whom we share programs, ideas, artists, and resources; together we shape our cultural community.

Works from the Ruben/Bentson Film and Video Study Collection on film, video, and digital media were shown in the Lecture Room and on the Best Buy Film Bay, including new additions by Jud Yalkut, Jacques Richard, Isaac Julien, Tom Schroeder, and Pat O'Neill. Earth Body: Select Film Works by Ana Mendieta Jacques Richard: Henri Langlois: The Phantom of the Cinematheque Various directors: Big Ideas for a Small Planet

#### MUSIC + FILM

Dean Wareham and Britta Phillips: 13 Most Beautiful... Songs for Andy Warhol's "Screen Tests"

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

All City Youth Film Showcase Under the Radar: The Films of Ramin Bahrani (introduced by the director) Cinema of Urgency Peter Galison and Rob Moss: Secrecy (introduced by director Peter Galison) Dominic Howes and Joel Weber: The Listening Project (introduced by the directors) Irena Salina: Flow: For Love of Water Sterlin Harjo: Four Sheets to the Wind (introduced by the director), with Andrew Okpeaha MacLean: Sikumi (On the Ice) (introduced by the director) Gary Hustwit: Objectified Eliot Kaplan: Beach Birds for Camera (introduced by archivist David Vaughn) Brett Morgen: Chicago 10 (introduced by the director) Justine Nagan: Typeface (introduced by the director) In the Realm of Oshima: The Films of Japanese Master Nagisa Oshima (series introduced by James Quandt, senior programmer of Cinematheque Ontario) Carlos Saura: Fados Judd Yalkut: Short Films

# SCREENINGS AT EXHIBITION OPENINGS

Bruce Conner: CROSSROADS (exhibition: The Quick and the Dead) Charles and Ray Eames: The Powers of 10 (exhibition: The Quick and the Dead) Scott Huegerich and Bob Miano: The Gateway Arch: A Reflection of

America (exhibition: Eero Saarinen:

Shaping the Future) Helen Mirra: Map of 52N (exhibition: The Quick and the Dead) AJ Schnack: Kurt Cobain: About a Son (exhibition: Live Forever: Elizabeth Peyton)

#### ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE

Ramin Bahrani Astra Taylor

#### RUBEN/BENTSON FILM AND VIDEO STUDY COLLECTION ACQUISITIONS

Isaac Julien Derek 2008 video (black and white/color, sound), 76 minutes The Ruben/Bentson Family Fund for the Acquisition, Conservation, and Presentation of Media, 2009 Pat O'Neill Sidewinder's Delta 1976 16mm (color, sound), 20 minutes The Ruben/Bentson Family Fund for the Acquisition, Conservation, and Presentation of Media, 2009 **Jacques Richard** Henri Langlois: The Phantom of the Cinematheque 2004 video (black and white, sound), 210 minutes Henri Langlois: The Phantom of the Cinematheque 2004 video (black and white, sound), 128 minutes The Ruben/Bentson Family Fund for the Acquisition, Conservation, and Presentation of Media, 2008 Tom Schroeder The Yellow Bird 2008 video (color, sound), 11 minutes Bike Ride 2000 video (color, sound), 6 minutes Riding with Harv 2002 video (color, sound), 12 minutes A Plan 2004 video (color, sound), 8 minutes The Ruben/Bentson Family Fund for the Acquisition, Conservation, and Presentation of Media, 2009 lud Yalkut Opera Sextronique 1967 video transferred from 16mm (black and white, silent), 5 minutes The Ruben/Bentson Family Fund for the Acquisition, Conservation, and Presentation of Media, 2008

The Walker Film Society, co-chaired by Elizabeth Redleaf and William Pohlad, is a dynamic group of Walker patrons with a special affinity for film. Receptions and backstage meetings with filmmakers provide this group with a closer connection to the Walker's film program and curators. A preview of the upcoming season and a celebratory reception kicked things off in September, and throughout the year members enjoyed receptions with Regis Dialogue guests Mike Leigh and William Klein, an opening-night party with director So Yong Kim for the Women with Vision festival, and a special master class conducted by director Ramin Bahrani.

This has been an exciting year for film at the Walker—not only because of the success of our programs, but also due to developments at home and around the world as artists and filmmakers alike continue to experiment with new presentation models for the moving image. Actually, the word "film," which has been the generic catch-all term for various types of moving images, seems to be evolving into "cinema," transcending the darkened movie theater to refer to an idea or concept of a real or imagined place for viewing. We see this as artists continue to explore the "cinematic" in galleries, or create "cinematic experiences" in spaces not designed for motion pictures. As technology provides opportunities to further mix reality and filmed images, the sense of "locative cinema" is showing up through works made for handheld screens. We look forward to the upcoming year as we watch these ideas continue to evolve.

Sheryl Mousley Curator, Film/Video









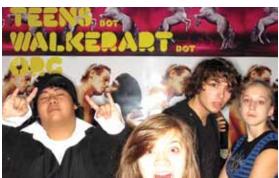












Student Open House: Free for All October 16, 2008

Photos: Party People Pictures

The Builders Association Continuous City October 23–25, 2008

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In the Realm of Oshima: The Films of Japanese Master Nagisa Oshima November 5–23, 2008 Boy (1969)

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Choreographers' Evening November 29, 2008

Photo: Cameron Wittig



Arty Pants: Your Tuesday Playdate February 10, 2009

Photo: Gene Pittman

## EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

This year, the Walker continued its long-standing commitment to providing free and open access to contemporary art and ideas even as we entered a turbulent economic environment. We kicked off 2008–2009 with a combination of putting and politics. As part of the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden's 20th-anniversary celebration, we organized the popular Walker on the Green: Artist-Designed Mini Golf. Sponsored by UnitedHealth Group, this event gave local artists and designers the chance to propose green-themed holes, pitching ideas that challenged the players' senses and minds as much as their games. More than 40,000 people played the innovative double course from May through September.

The education and community programs and new media initiatives departments joined forces and collaborated with other local organizations on the UnConvention, a communitywide exploration of democracy and citizenship, which took place during the summer before the 2009 presidential election. Projects included I Approve This Message, in which people created their own videos addressing the scripted nature of political party conventions. My Yard Our Message invited inspired citizens everywhere to design their own nonpartisan political yard signs.

We continued Raising Creative Kids, a three-year-long initiative funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, designed to engage families more deeply with the Walker and demonstrate ways that art and creative play can be a catalyst for lifelong learning. Arty Pants: Your Tuesday Playdate, a bimonthly program, provided creative learning opportunities and contemporary art experiences to parents or caregivers and children ages three through five. With additional support from Ameriprise Financial, toddlers engaged in such inventive activities as "performing" the Minimalist sculptures of Donald Judd or designing Eero Saarinen-inspired "blueprints" with shaving cream and blue paper. We also premiered new interpretive materials for families visiting the galleries and Garden on their own, most notably the WAC Garden Pack activity kit, with support from U.S. Bank.

Parent participation is an important feature of Raising Creative Kids. A parent advisory group meets regularly and functions as an informal focus group to test new approaches to working with families. These lively conversations have resulted in the creation of several programs for our parent audience. Whether it's the workshop Going to the Galleries

#### ARTIST TALKS & READINGS

Daniel Bergin on Parents, Kids, and the Media Mark Bradford Samuel R. Delany Todd Deutsch Ty Evans Free Verse: The Flarf Collective: Nada Gordon, Sharon Mesmer, K. Silem Mohammed, and Gary Sullivan Free Verse: Collaborative Artists' Books: Bill Berkson, Vincent Katz, and Lewis Warsh Sharon Hayes Tomás Saraceno Sturtevant

#### GALLERY TALKS

Mark Andrews: Sound Bites Talk on Salvador Dali's Alice in Wonderland Doryun Chong: Curator Talk on Tetsumi Kudo: Garden of Metamorphosis Siri Engberg and Rosemary Furtak: Curator Talk on Text/Messages: Books by Artists Andrew Opitz: Electronic Kudo Jody Williams: Artist Talk on Text/Messages: Books by Artists

#### **EVENTS & PERFORMANCES**

Artist-Designed Mini-Golf **Beverly Cottman** Dance Sampler with New World Dance: New York Michael "the Hook" Deutsch Dreamland Arts: What I Want to Be When I Grow Up! Making Music Series: David Longstreth; lason Moran Multiples Mall: A Bookish Fair **Open-Eye Figure Theatre** Skyspace/Soundspace Concert Series: Lookbook and Beatrix\* |AR Solutions for the Other 90% The UnConvention Universal Dance Destiny Xelias Aerial Performance Company Larry Yazzie: Sharing the Gift Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre

#### LECTURES

#### Claire Bishop

Merce Cunningham: Talking Dance Drawn Here: Contemporary Design in Conversation: Milton Glaser: To Inform & Delight with Wendy Keys; Objectified with Gary Hustwit; Typeface with Justine Nagan, Bill Moran, and Greg Corrigan Laura Hoptman

Eric Lorberer

Susan Saarinen and Mark Coir on Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future Olga Viso

#### PANEL DISCUSSIONS & SYMPOSIA

The Art and Films of Bruce Conner, 1933–2008: Sheryl Mousley and Joan Rothfuss

The Art of the Book: Sally Alatalo, Harriet Bart, James Hoff, David Platzker, and Buzz Spector

Documenting Culture: Chuck Olsen, Melba Price, Xavier Tavera, and Jim Walsh

Brett Morgen: Chicago 10 with Matt Ehling and Jane Kirtley

Symposium: Eero Saarinen: Beyond the Measly ABC

Parent Discussion: Talking to Kids about Tough Art

#### ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAMS

The Builders Association: Continuous City Eiko & Koma: Open Rehearsal for Hunger National Theater of the United States of America: Chautauqua! Tomás Saraceno: Museo aero solar

#### TEEN PROGRAMS

13 Most Beautiful Young Artists (youth music/film showcase)

20 Under 20 Exhibition

All City Youth Film Showcase Alliance for Community Media Youth

Film Screening Don't Sleep on It: 24-hour Art-making

Marathon

Fake It, for Real: Teen Media Workshop with Tectonic Industries Together, which provides caregivers with strategies for engaging kids in museums, or a talk by photographer Todd Deutsch about balancing the dual roles of artist and father, the Walker offers parents a space and the resources for raising creative kids.

Free First Saturday, the Walker's popular gateway program with more than 23,170 people in attendance this year and sponsored by Ameriprise Financial and Medtronic Foundation, offers free admission and a full day of free activities for families. Programs reflect the Walker's diverse and multidisciplinary artistic schedule and feature hands-on activities led by talented international and local artists. Some highlights included an experimental movement workshop with the Merce Cunningham Dance Company, and a family performance by butoh-inspired dancer/choreographers Eiko & Koma. Free First Saturday also celebrated our rich local artistic community, engaging more than 87 artists to teach, perform, and showcase their work over the course of the year.

Tour Programs welcomed K–12, college, and adult groups, hosting guided and self-guided visits to more than 17,000 people. New tours for pre-K groups were introduced in late summer 2008. The Open Door Accessibility Initiative, funded by a Museum and Community Connections grant from the MetLife Foundation, seeks to provide gallery experiences for visitors with a range of special needs. Working closely with professionals from the dementia care community and colleagues from other museums, we successfully piloted a tour and art-making program for people with memory loss and their care partners. We are also building a network of advocates in the community that will assist us in offering programs to visitors who are blind, deaf, or have cognitive disabilities. Finally, this June we welcomed 32 new participants into our volunteer tour guide corps.

The major accomplishment this year was the launch of the new ArtsConnectEd website. The redesign of this dynamic and social site empowers teachers, students, and museum educators in the creation and sharing of content and ideas in the process of learning about art. The resource is the result of more than two years of amazing work by new media and education staff from the Walker and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, with project management by Sandbox Studios and support provided by a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Projects such as ArtsConnectEd and the Five Elements of Contemporary Art, a pedagogical framework that helps students respond to challenging art, demonstrate how the Walker makes the art of today relevant and connected to classroom learning. With support from the Pentair Foundation and Xcel Energy Foundation, we hosted 269 school groups and more than 11,000 students this year for tours, art labs, and workshops for educators. The intensive Summer Design Institute was hosted at the Walker by the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum to accompany its exhibition *Design* for the Other 90%.

"Modern art and kids might not be two things you would naturally put together like peanut butter and jelly, but spend one day with the little ones at the Walker's Free First Saturdays and you will begin to connect the two."

- City Pages, December 31, 2008

Target Free Thursday Nights, a weekly program generously supported by Target, welcomed 35,378 visitors this past year, offering free gallery admission and activities such as talks by prominent artists, writers, critics, and designers; film screenings; art-making; and performances. Highlights included a talk by art historian and critic Claire Bishop, a screening of Gary Hustwit's new film Objectified, and a free performance of Ray Lee's sound installation Siren in the McGuire Theater. The Mack Lecture Series, generously supported by Aaron and Carol Mack, afforded multiple opportunities for visitors to engage more deeply with Walker exhibitions through programs such as the three-day symposium Eero Saarinen: Beyond the Measly ABC and the Multiples Mall: A Bookish Fair, a daylong celebration of the local book arts community in the form of a marketplace where local printers, designers, zine writers, and bookmakers sold and traded their wares. Multiples Mall was copresented by mnartists.org, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, and Rain Taxi Review of Books.

With major support from Best Buy Children's Foundation, the Surdna Foundation, and Wells Fargo, Walker teen programs continued to be a national model for programming with and for teenage audiences. The foundation of the program is the Walker Art Center Teen Arts Council (WACTAC), a diverse group of young people, ages 14 through 19, who meet weekly to program events and activities of interest to teens. This year, inspired by the Walker's presentation of Dean Wareham and Britta Phillips' performance 13 Most Beautiful . . . Songs for Andy Warhol's "Screen Tests," WACTAC members created 13 original films and collaborated with 8 young local Polaroids, Prints, Projections: Teen Media Workshop with Xavier Tavera Quest for the Voice: Youth Spoken Word Showcase Sculpture for Lightweights: Teen Workshop with Amy Toscani Student Open House Twin Cities Youth Media Network Film Showcase Walker Art Center Teen Arts Council (WACTAC)

#### SCHOOL & TOUR PROGRAMS

Adult Classes ArtsConnectEd (new site launched May 2009) Audio Descriptive Services for film screenings: Stop the Re-Route and Hunger **Community Connections Contemporary Arts Forum** Educators' Evening Friendly Faces in the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Summer 2008 Information Guides Matinee Film Screenings for **Student Groups Multidisciplinary Tours** New York City Art Crawl for **Tour Guides Open Door Accessibility Initiatives** Out There School Partnership Program Presentations and Panels at State and National Conferences Public, School, and Group Tours Sound Bites: Short Talks about Art Teacher Workshops (Cooper-Hewitt Summer Design Institute; Teaching by Design: Eero Saarinen; Book Arts in the Classroom) TRIO Institute: The Art of Literacy Writing through Art

#### FAMILY PROGRAMS

Arty Pants: Your Tuesday Playdate Family Tours and Workshops Free First Saturday Parent Advisory Group Parent Programs: Artist Talks and Discussions Summer's Cool

#### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

College and University Partnerships Explore Membership Program

#### INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

Art on Call: Free Audio Guide Family Activity Sheets Gallery Guides WAC Packs for the Galleries and the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden

musicians to present a similarly raucous night of live performance and film for their peers. To cap off their year, the group produced Don't Sleep on It: 24-hour Art-making Marathon. Coinciding with the annual Art-A-Whirl weekend in Northeast Minneapolis, this nonstop event brought together 80 teen artists, 25 local artists, and 3,000 spectators in the evolving and continuous creation of an art installation over a 24-hour period. More than 100 young people have participated in WACTAC since its inception 12 years ago, and the group has organized nearly as many programs and events for their peers. The program has proved to be the training ground for many artists and programmers at the vanguard of today's art world. Recently, WACTAC alumni who are now in college or engaged in careers were interviewed about their Walker experience—they said it helped develop their ability to think critically, gave them confidence in their own ideas, and inspired them to imagine alternative careers and ambitions.

Participating in national and international conversations about learning, museum education, and the changing roles museums play in the 21st century is an ongoing part of our mission. This year, Minneapolis hosted thousands of visual arts teachers, scholars, professors, students, and educators for the annual conference of the National Art Education Association. Five Walker staff members presented at the conference on topics such as partnering and collaborating with other institutions; fostering advocacy for access programs; and animating contemporary art-making in the classroom. Education staff also spoke at the American Association of Museums Conference in Philadelphia and locally at the Dementia Conference, and participated in an International Art Museum Forum hosted by the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

Sarah Schultz Director, Education and Community Programs

Jay Scheib and Anthony Gatto The Making of Americans December 12–13, 2008

Photo: Cameron Wittig



Text/Messages: Books by Artists December 18, 2008–April 19, 2009

Photo: Gene Pittman

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# These two men, well, really, these two guys...



Out There 21 Toshiki Okada/chelfitsch Five Days in March January 15–17, 2009

Photo: Thomas Bremond





Live Forever: Elizabeth Peyton February 14–June 14, 2009

Photo: Cameron Wittig



## DESIGN

Over the past year, design at the Walker witnessed a strengthening of local ties and connections to one of the country's liveliest communities of designers and architects as we continued to expand our programmatic offerings. In July the Walker installed a special one-room version of FlatPak, a contemporary prefabricated house designed by Minneapolis-based architect Charlie Lazor, in the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. The house was originally purchased in 2005 for the Walker-organized exhibition Some Assembly Required: Contemporary Prefabricated Houses. FlatPak is not only an important architectural work of art, but also a new functioning space to welcome visitors to the Garden in partnership with programming by the Walker's education and community programs department. This season, nearly 16,000 people visited the FlatPak. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of U.S. Bank, the space will provide information to Garden visitors and will host special hands-on art-making workshops for children and adults. Blu Dot Design of Minneapolis, a longtime partner of the Walker, generously provided furnishings from its collection for use in the FlatPak. Located just behind the Cowles Conservatory, FlatPak in the Garden is actually the third house to be featured by the Walker-the other two were part of its pioneering 1940s Idea Houses project, which presented the first modern houses to be built and exhibited by a U.S. museum.

As part of the Walker's presentation of the touring exhibition Design for the Other 90%, Troy Gallas and Colin Kloecker of Solutions Twin Cities curated a special evening of rapid-fire humanitarian design presentations highlighting projects to improve the everyday lives of people around the world. With the assistance of our education and community programs department, the Solutions for the Other 90% event provided a lively and inspiring forum to focus attention on ways that our local community is responding to the needs of communities down the block and around the world. This particular model of external collaboration, in which content is curated by others, is one that we hope to embrace even further in the future.

In October, the Walker and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA) joined forces to present *Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future*, a major retrospective of one of America's leading modernist architects. Through a generous gift from longtime Walker trustee Judy Dayton, lead sponsorship from Target, and media partnership from *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine*, the two institutions, for the first time in nearly 30 years, were able to copresent an exhibition for Twin Cities audiences. The

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

- Worlds Away: New Suburban Landscapes Organized by the Walker Art Center in association with the Heinz Architectural Center, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh Co-curated by Andrew Blauvelt, Walker Art Center, and Tracy Myers, Heinz Architectural Center, Carnegie Museum of Art February 16–August 17, 2008
- Design for the Other 90% Organized by the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum Curatorial coordination by Andrew Blauvelt May 24–September 7, 2008
- Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future Organized by the Finnish Cultural Institute in New York, the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., and the Museum of Finnish Architecture with the support of Yale University School of Architecture Copresented with the Minneapolis Institute of Arts Curatorial coordination by Andrew Blauvelt, Walker Art Center, and Jennifer Olivarez, Minneapolis Institute of Arts September 13, 2008-January 4, 2009

#### INSTALLATIONS

- FlatPak in the Garden Minneapolis Sculpture Garden July 2008 (ongoing)
- 2008 AIGA Get Out the Vote (poster designs) U.S. Bank Orientation Lounge September 2008

#### TOURING EXHIBITION

Worlds Away: New Suburban Landscapes Heinz Architectural Center, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh October 4, 2008–January 19, 2009 Yale School of Architecture Gallery, New Haven, CT March 2–May 10, 2009

#### LECTURES

- Solutions for the Other 90% Organized by Troy Gallas and Colin Kloecker, Solutions Twin Cities
- Eero Saarinen: Beyond the Measly ABC Organized by the Walker Art Center; the Minneapolis Institute of Arts; College of Design, University of Minnesota; and Christ Church Lutheran
- Insights 2009: Avant la lettre Eric Olson and Nicole Dotin, Process Type Foundry, Minneapolis David Reinfurt, O-R-G and Dexter Sinister, New York Marieke Stolk and Danny van den Dungen, Experimental Jetset, Amsterdam Ellen Lupton, Baltimore

Designing Obama Sol Sender and Scott Thomas with Paul Schmelzer

#### SCREENINGS

- Justine Nagan: *Typeface* (Introduced by the director with Greg Corrigan and Bill Moran)
- Gary Hustwit: Objectified (Introduced by the director with Andrew Blauvelt)

Wendy Keys: Milton Glaser: To Inform and Delight (Introduced by the director)

#### PUBLICATIONS

Tetsumi Kudo: Garden of Metamorphosis (exhibition catalogue)

The Quick and the Dead (exhibition catalogue)

creator of such iconic structures as the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and the TWA terminal at JFK airport as well as some of the most influential furniture designs of the 20th century, Eero Saarinen and his equally famous father, Eliel, had a tremendous impact on modern architecture and design in the Midwest. Closer to home, Eero Saarinen created the original IBM campus for Rochester, Minnesota, as well as an addition to Christ Church Lutheran in Minneapolis, a masterwork

"Through hundreds of groundbreaking exhibitions, publications and presentations by designers worldwide, the Walker Art Center presents the value of design to the general public. Its in-house design studiowidely regarded as a leader in contemporary cultural branding—is the recipient of more than 100 awards and operates one of the longest-running fellowship programs in the U.S. The Walker actively commissions cutting-edge designs to create new buildings, landscapes, fonts and interactive technologies from leading and emerging designers. The museum's commitment to design is reflected in the importance it has been accorded within the institution since its inception as a multidisciplinary art center in 1940: a central voice in strategic planning, an essential component of its multidisciplinary programming and a vital force in shaping its identity."

- Cooper-Hewitt National Design Awards, 2009

of ecclesiastical design created by his father. The Walker and the MIA partnered with the College of Design at the University of Minnesota, the American Institute of Architects Minnesota chapter, and Christ Church Lutheran to present a special three-day symposium, Eero Saarinen: Beyond the Measly ABC. Drawing upon research from local, national, and international scholars, the event brought together insights from photographers, practitioners, curators, and architectural historians to examine the work and legacy of Saarinen. Coinciding with the show and symposium were three exhibitions of photography of Saarinen's projects created by other Twin Cities organizations, including work by Richard Knight at the University of Minnesota's College of Design, Balthazar Korab at the Minneapolis Central Library, and George Miles Ryan and Pete Sieger at Christ Church Lutheran. With support from global sponsor ASSA ABLOY, the exhibition *Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future* was organized by the Finnish Cultural Institute in New York; the Museum of Finnish Architecture, Helsinki; and the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., with the support of the Yale University School of Architecture.

In November the Walker partnered with AIGA Minnesota and the Minnesota Center for Book Arts to present the regional premiere of a new film entitled Typeface, which documents the Hamilton Wood Type Museum in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Director Justine Nagan introduced the film to a sold-out audience of typographic enthusiasts and was joined at a post-screening discussion by Greg Corrigan, the technical director of the museum, and Bill Moran, a St. Paul-based designer, letterpress operator, and author of a book about the museum. A part of our Drawn Here series on Target Free Thursday Nights at the Walker, with major sponsorship from Target, this special evening included a display of local letterpress work and an actual working letterpress installed in the Bazinet Garden Lobby as part of the event, allowing visitors to see this resurgent art form firsthand and up close. We continued our films and premieres in the spring with two sold-out screenings of Objectified, a new documentary film about contemporary product design that was introduced by director Gary Hustwit and followed by a question-andanswer session with the director, the audience, and me. In May, first-time director Wendy Keys introduced Milton Glaser: To Inform and Delight, her documentary about the legendary graphic designer and cofounder of New York magazine who is famous for such projects as his psychedelic poster of Bob Dylan and the I INY logo.

We continued to bring leading designers to the Twin Cities to share their experiences through programs such as Insights, which is an annual partnership with AIGA Minnesota. This year Eric Olson and Nicole Dotin of Process Type Foundry of Minneapolis gave a rare presentation on their influential digital font company; David Reinfurt of New York spoke about his collaborations and investigations as part of Dexter Sinister, a hybrid practice that encompasses both publishing and artistic commissions; Marieke Stolk and Danny van den Dungen of Experimental Jetset in Amsterdam gave a personal and passionate presentation of their design philosophy; and Ellen Lupton, a champion of the DIY design movement, gave an endearing and humorous talk on design in everyday life. Although a near sellout capacity of 1,200 people saw the presentations at the Walker, some 5,000 more viewed them

#### RECOGNITION

- National Design Award, Corporate and Institutional Achievement Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum
- Worlds Away: New Suburban Landscapes (exhibition catalogue) AIGA 50 Books/50 Covers Competition
- Tetsumi Kudo: Garden of Metamorphosis (exhibition catalogue) AIGA Minnesota Design Show 2009 AIGA 365: 50 Books/50 Covers Competition

Trisha Brown: So That the Audience Does Not Know Whether I Have Stopped Dancing (exhibition catalogue) AIGA Minnesota Design Show 2009

Faculty Invitational (exhibition) Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana August 26–September 20, 2008

Multiverso: Nodes, Connections, and Currents in Contemporary Communication Design (exhibition) Politecnico di Torino, Italy October 13–19, 2008 online through the Walker Channel, YouTube, and iTunes U webcasts. The Walker continued its partnership with AIGA Minnesota in May with the lecture Designing Obama, which featured Sol Sender, who designed the official logo for the presidential campaign, and Scott Thomas, who helped create the pioneering Web platform for the Barack Obama team. Joining them for the Minneapolis presentation was Paul Schmelzer, former managing editor of the Walker members' magazine and editor of the website MinnesotaIndependent. com, who spoke about Minnesota's past political branding strategies from Hubert Humphrey and Jesse Ventura to the late Paul Wellstone.

The design and editorial department is also responsible for all printed communications from the Walker, and in addition to the more than 260 projects the studio undertook this past year, we produced and designed two major catalogues, Tetsumi Kudo: Garden of Metamorphosis and The Quick and the Dead. The highlight of the year was the bestowal of a national design award on the Walker in the category of institutional and corporate achievement by the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum in New York. A part of the Smithsonian Institution, the Cooper-Hewitt's program recognizes national design excellence and is in its 10th year. The Walker is the first nonprofit organization to win the award and joins other corporate winners such as Twin Cities-based Target and Aveda as well as Apple, Nike, and Google. The award recognizes the Walker's exceptional commitment to presenting and practicing design, a legacy that can be traced throughout its 70-year history as a contemporary art center and affects all aspects of the institution, from its building designs and its landscaped gardens to its award-winning graphic design and website.

Andrew Blauvelt Design Director and Curator



Expanding the Frame The Films of Derek Jarman February 20–26, 2009 top and bottom: Caravaggio (1986)



Multiples Mall: A Bookish Fair February 21, 2009

Photo: Cameron Wittig

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Donna Uchizono Company Thin Air April 2–4, 2009

Photo: Alexandra Corazz













artsconnected.org October 2007–May 2009

# NEW MEDIA INITIATIVES

In an increasingly multitask and new media–driven world, the near singular focus of this department over the past year on ArtsConnectEd reflects the importance of the project and scale of our ambitions. More than two years in development, the wholesale redesign of artsconnected.org—a joint project of the Walker and Minneapolis Institute of Arts—was completed. The Walker's new media group had lead responsibility for developing the software, the beta version of which was released in May 2009.

When it originally launched more than 10 years ago, ArtsConnectEd's function was to provide digital access to the collections, educational resources, and archives at both institutions. The long-term goal was to more effectively serve a statewide educational community while reducing the production and distribution of physical materials (slide sets, reproductions, newsletters, and so on). The site would become a core resource for K–12 educators and their students, serving well over 1 million users per year.

Despite the site's many accomplishments, museum educators eventually wanted better tools for adding new content, creating links between assets, and managing their relationships with ArtsConnectEd's audiences. Coupled with new opportunities provided by Web 2.0 technologies and funded by a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the redesign project aimed to redefine ways that online educational resources are developed and managed. The new site is an open-source, highly flexible environment with audience-specific tool sets for building, sharing, and managing internal and external user-generated content.

ArtsConnectEd comprises more than 90,000 works of art, thousands of art-related texts, interactive resources, and video and audio records. Art Finder, the site's combined search-and-browse solution, provides users with a sophisticated interface for filtering, sorting, and discovering resources by kind of asset and domain-specific criteria (such as "culture" in works of art). Still, the big change in the new version of ArtsConnectEd is the ease with which teachers and students at all grade levels can use this content to create presentations, quizzes, handouts, lesson plans, research, and curricula — and share these materials with each other. A host of examples is already available for use in the classroom, such as an Animals in Art presentation that includes an ancient Chinese bronze horse from the MIA and Franz Marc's *The Large Blue Horses*,

#### WEBSITES

artsconnected.org (redesign) mnartists.org (enhancements) myyardourmessage.com

#### **OTHER PROJECTS**

Walker Channel on iTunes U, Beyond Campus

#### INTERACTIVE MEDIA

After Hours Party People photo booth Art on Call (special exhibition content)

#### SIGNAGE

**Cinema Trailer** 

a highlight of the Walker collection; and Building a Story, which helps students create a fictional tale based on works of art.

The central tool for creating content is Art Collector. Users of Art Collector can build sets mixing MIA and Walker assets from any category with external resources (for example, Flickr images or YouTube videos). The tool is rich with features that allow sets and their contents to be easily manipulated and presented using templates that support everything from comparison slides, various combinations of text and media, links to information outside the presentation, and much more. The range of features reflects the dual audience for which Art Collector was written: museum educators as well as teachers and students. There is no separate suite of tools for our internal educators; the same interface serves external audiences, and the actions available in a particular context vary according to the administrative privileges granted to an account type. By collapsing this aspect of the authoring tool into a single set of screens, the site provides one community—outside teachers—with far more than requirements analysis suggested they needed. While usability testing forced developers to rethink the complexity surrounding Art Collector's editing functions, it remains to be seen how users take advantage of the expanded functionality.

The ArtsConnectEd tool set also permits the community of internal and external users to add their Art Collector sets to the ever-growing repository. Reflecting the broader shift on the Internet to engage people as creators and contributors of content, museum staff can directly publish their sets on the site, while external users use a submission function. Their set is then internally reviewed and approved for publication. The only real criterion for publishing submitted sets is that they not contain any legally problematic material. Qualitative assessment will come from user ratings and the museum educator's ability to mark a resource as "ArtsConnectEd endorsed."

The relaunch of ArtsConnectEd is just one way in which the Walker responded to the dual role of audience as both consumer and producer of content. My Yard Our Message, a user-created yard sign project begun in spring 2008, culminated in the fall with the United States presidential election. Through myyardourmessage.com, nearly 300 designs were submitted, 24,000 votes were tallied, and 50 winning signs were chosen. The signs were printed and planted in yards all over the Twin Cities during the 2008 election season. But a special honor came in the spring of 2009 at the international Museums and the Web conference, when My Yard Our Message won a Best of the Web award in the Innovative or Experimental Site category. Judges admired the project for "leveraging a local event with national implications" and deemed the winning signs' quality "as good if not better than a corporate ad agency." Perhaps most important, they said the messages still matter, "both in terms of interest and also as a historical snapshot of the thinking of the time."

Finally, this last year we took the first step in another major redesign project, the Walker Channel. Today, the Walker Channel is generally recognized as the webcasting branch of Walker public programming available at channel.walkerart.org. Future plans aim to redefine the channel as the Walker's digitally distributed network of variable content (largely rich media) made available to people through different mechanisms, both on-site (computer displays, projections, cell phones) and online (Walker domains and broader Web).

First steps in this redesign effort included launching a new site in the educational area of Apple's iTunes Store called iTunes U, Beyond Campus. Beyond Campus features a broad range of audio and video material from sources other than colleges and universities, such as American Public Media, PBS, the Museum of Modern Art, and Smithsonian Global Sound. Now iTunes audiences can easily search, download, and play Walker content just as they do music and movies. Since the Walker launched the site in October 2008, its roughly 200 iTunes tracks have been downloaded more than 34,000 times, demonstrating again the power of new media to reach new audiences for Walker content.

Beginning July 2008, the Walker switched from webserver log analysis to Google Analytics (GA)—a page-tagging solution—as its primary method for collecting online usage data. Originally developed for measuring the success of marketing campaigns, GA provides more accurate visitation figures as well as better information about how people find the site, ways that they explore it, and cues to how we can enhance their experiences.

GA is a significant improvement over the traditional Web analytics and metrics that museums have used to measure and track success on the Web. Yet it needs to be combined with other tools and methods if we are to better understand and evaluate existing user behaviors as well as identify potential new audiences. The decentralization of the Walker's online brand into a multiplicity of social-networking sites and services demands a new combinatory methodology. This year's measures of success listing includes statistics for YouTube, Flickr, Facebook, and Twitter. At this stage, without prior years for comparison, the value of these numbers is in the questions they raise about what we are doing in these areas to garner audiences, and the resources required to sustain the program. With more than 2.6 million unique users to the Walker's websites last year alone, we were very pleased to have Target as our new walkerart.org sponsor. Target's support helped to draw increased attention to the Walker's gateway program, Target Free Thursday Nights, through a new special feature page outlining upcoming events.

We were also selected to be a part of the Getty Foundation's new Online Scholarly Catalogue Initiative, receiving a major grant to create a dynamic online catalogue for the Walker's multidisciplinary collections. The project is designed to change ways that museums catalogue their collections and share their art and scholarship with the public. Different from its print counterpart, the online catalogue will be a living publication, changing both the depth and breadth of resources, including the opportunity to incorporate audio and video, extensive related photographic images, text-based material from conservation reports, correspondence, artist interviews, process documentation, and multiple points of view. For its part, the Walker project focuses on the acquisition process and aims to redefine how research and documentation related to its collections are generated, collected, and made available. Work on the initiative has just begun, and we look forward to reporting on our progress in next year's annual report.

Robin Dowden Director, New Media Initiatives

Walker Art Center Teen Arts Council 13 Most Beautiful Young Artists March 26, 2009 left to right: Jon Mitchell and Christopher Grathwol Film by Mandie Stebbins

Photo: Cameron Wittig

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Premieres: First Look Steve McQueen Hunger (2008) April 10–26, 2009 The Quick and the Dead April 25–September 27, 2009

Photo: Gene Pittma





Cynthia Hopkins The Success of Failure (or, The Failure of Success) April 16–18, 2009

Photo: Paula Court



Drawn Here: Contemporary Design in Conversation Gary Hustwit *Objectified* (2009) April 30, 2009 Skyspace/Soundspace Concert Series Lookbook performs in James Turrell's Sky Pesher, 2005 (2005) June 4, 2009

Photo: Cameron Wittig

### MNARTISTS.ORG

The mission of mnartists.org, a joint project of the McKnight Foundation and the Walker Art Center, is to improve the lives of Minnesota artists and provide access to and engagement with the state's arts culture. This ambitious goal has been realized by bringing artists and audiences together, providing news and information about the local arts scene, and fostering dialogue on matters of importance to the arts community in Minnesota and beyond. Today, mnartists.org is the primary online resource for Minnesota artists and audiences and home to 15,330 registered artists, 1,101 arts organizations, and 102,654 posted works of art. It is an ever-growing, one-stop resource for artists and arts enthusiasts of all kinds in Minnesota, bringing them together in innovative ways and serving as an example of ways that new technology can be a successful community engagement tool. Proof of mnartists.org's relevance as a community resource can be found in its nearly 5,000 news and opportunities listings, 3,312 calendar listings, 684,039 user sessions, 1,557,806 visits, and 23,229,766 page views on the site in the past year.

Since 2004, mnartists.org has weekly published a diverse selection of original arts writing in every discipline, including criticism, engaging artist profiles, revealing interviews, topical essays, and trend-spotting features reflective of the arts in our region. The site has become a sanctuary for local arts journalism, publishing 137 original arts pieces by area writers just last year. This commitment to homegrown arts writing is all the more important given the increasing scarcity of media outlets dedicated to such coverage. The site has benefited from the talents of an impressive array of 35 new and seasoned contributing writers who hail from all over the state. Twice per month mnartists.org publishes the free e-journal Access+ENGAGE, keeping its growing subscriber pool of 11,919 arts enthusiasts abreast of area happenings and offering them an inviting entry point to mnartists.org's wealth of content and artwork. Just last year, via a rotating feature spot, the e-journal highlighted 24 different Minnesota artists.

To keep pace with new technology and user needs, mnartists. org is constantly working closely with the Walker's new media department to refine and improve the site. In fall 2008, mnartists.org launched its own blog channel within the Walker site, which provides an active link between both sites and bridges the gap between mnartists.org's feature writing and forum posts and its ability to quickly respond to breaking stories in the arts. Numerous improvements to the overall user experience within the site have been implemented in the

#### MNARTISTS.ORG PROGRAM

#### Access+ENGAGE

#### PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Artist Registration Workshops Minnesota State Fair Skyspace/Soundspace

#### COMPETITIVE ARTS SERIES

ARTmn miniStories MNFashion/FLASH mnLIT mnSPIN What Light: This Week's Poem

#### COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

Art at the Ballpark Space 144 Multiples Mall: A Bookish Fair Art Shanty Project Performances Professional Practices Workshops for Artists of Color past year, including new slideshow features, a redesigned home page, and an improved search interface.

While mnartists.org is an online resource, it is not fundamentally about technology. It is about an inclusive and democratic spirit of support for artists; creating a virtual gathering place for the Minnesota arts community; providing a critical context where art in all disciplines can be contemplated and appreciated; and providing audiences access to and engagement with Minnesota's arts culture. Its competitive arts series provide local artists with opportunities to put their work before a jury of seasoned professionals from around the country who are working in their respective disciplines. mnLIT-a program consisting of the What Light Poetry Project, now in its fourth year, and miniStories, a flash fiction competition for local authors in any genre—is mnartists.org's showcase for Minnesota's poets and writers. Through mnLIT, which is sponsored by Magers & Quinn Booksellers and the Twin Cities Decider/The Onion, mnartists.org publishes an original new poem or short story by a Minnesota writer each week. The site also offered a number of opportunities at various venues for live readings by the series' winners throughout the year. Another discipline-specific series, the local music program mnSPIN launched last year, sponsored by Summit Brewing, the Twin Cities Decider/The Onion, McNally Smith College of Music, D.E.M.O., and Springboard for the Arts. The series mnSPIN spotlights the region's diversity of musical talent via a weekly playlist composed of tracks selected by a panel of artists and professionals working in the music industry. In early 2009, inspired by the success of the site's other competitive showcases for local artists, mnartists.org launched ARTmn, a visual art series devoted to providing a notable juried exhibition opportunity for artists around the state. The inaugural ARTmn competition cycle included an open call for artwork by Minnesota artists ending March 2009. Fourteen artists were selected from more than 300 applications by an independent panel of curators and established artists for the exhibition The Precious Object, presented at the Hennepin County Central Library in fall 2009.

In addition to these competitive series, mnartists.org offers artists hands-on "offline" professional development opportunities through workshops presented in partnership with Springboard for the Arts, the state's regional arts councils, and the Minnesota State Arts Board. More than 200 people turned out for discipline-specific artists' workshops and seminars, held around the state, to be educated on how to better take advantage of the site's many resources or for professional development support. Four of these workshops were geared to offer artist resource information and professional development support for artists of color, specifically in rural communities. An additional noteworthy mnartists.org community outreach effort occurred last summer when more than 100 mnartists.org artists and members volunteered to serve as the site's ambassadors by staffing the organization's booth in the Education Building at the Minnesota State Fair. In addition, mnartists.org partnered with dozens of Minnesota arts organizations in the past year. Some examples include sponsorship of 20 performances as part of the 2009 Art Shanty Projects on Medicine Lake. The Art at the Ballpark series, in partnership with the St. Paul Saints baseball club, featured one Minnesota artist at each 2009 home game (48 in total). These artists each donated a piece for an exhibition and silent auction at the stadium to support local nonprofit art organizations. The Multiples Mall artist book fair, realized in partnership with the Walker, Rain Taxi Review of Books, and the Minnesota Center for Book Arts, was a daylong event in February 2009 that featured 35 local book artists selling and exhibiting their work in the Walker's Cargill Lounge. More than 1,200 people attended this event. The mnartists.org Skyspace/Soundspace concert series featured local musicians performing within James Turrell's Sky Pesher, 2005 installation located in the Walker's west-side park.

In 2009, mnartists.org was honored to become the administrative home for the McKnight Artist Fellowship for Photographers. This program rewards strong work by established, mid-career photographers by providing selected fellows with individual grants of \$25,000 and professional development opportunities; studio visits with critics, curators, and writers; and opportunities to engage with the local and regional arts community. McKnight's award of the fellowship program to mnartists.org is a powerful affirmation of the site's programmatic stability and its position as a vital resource for Minnesota artists.

Scott Stulen Project Director, mnartists.org

# MEASURES OF SUCCESS

As a mission-driven organization, the Walker Art Center measures its successes beyond the balance sheet. The following statistics and information highlight key aspects of the Walker's mission: Artistic Leadership and Innovation, Audience Engagement and Civic Commitment, and Stewardship.

### ARTISTIC LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION

Walker-organized Exhibitions		7
American Modernism: Masterworks from the Collections of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and Walker	First U.S. Solo Museum Exhibition	First Major U.S. Solo Museum Exhibition
Art Center Journeys to Nowhere: Selections	— Tetsumi Kudo	— Tomás Saraceno
from the Collection Kara Walker (selections from the collection)	Walker Publications	
Tetsumi Kudo: Garden of Metamorphosis Text/Messages: Books by Artists The Quick and the Dead Tomás Saraceno: Lighter than Air	Tetsumi Kudo: Garden of Metamorphosis The Quick and the Dead	
Performing Arts Commissions		l
The Builders Association: Continuous City Eiko & Koma: Hunger David Gordon Pick Up Performance Co(S.): Uncivil Wars: Moving with Brecht and Eisler Cynthia Hopkins: The Success of Failure (or, The Failure of Success) Young Jean Lee: Church	Momentum: New Dai Schlichting, Anna Eddie Oroyan, an with Ellena Schoo National Theater of ti America: Chautau Jay Schieb and Antho of Americans	Marie Shogren, d Maia Maiden p he United States of iqua!
Performing Arts Premieres		/
Hunger (world premiere) The Making of Americans (world premiere) Momentum: New Dance Works (4 world premieres)	The Success of Failure (or, The Failure of Success) (world premiere)	
Film/Video Premieres		42
SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS	Mike Leigh: Happy-Go	
Ramin Bahrani: Goodbye Solo Fernando Eimbcke: Lake Tahoe	Steve McQueen: Hun Irena Salina: Flow: Fo	
John Greyson: Fig Trees Lance Hammer: <i>Ballas</i> t Isaac Julien: Derek	Regional and World Pre	miere Screenings 22%
Walker Traveling Exhibitions		E
American Modernism: Masterworks from the Collections of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and Walker Art Center Brave New Worlds	Kara Walker (selectio Kara Walker: My Com My Oppressor, My Worlds Away: New Su	y Love

Frida Kahlo

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# Traveling Exhibition Attendance

#### Host Museums

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Touring Walker Performing Arts Commissions

Host Countries

The BodyCartography Project: Holiday House Trisha Brown: Foray Forêt The Builders Association: Continuous City Eiko & Koma: Hunger Elevator Repair Service: Gatz Bill Frissell Trio: Disfarmer Project David Gordon: Uncivil Wars: Collaborating with Brecht and Eisler Cynthia Hopkins: The Success of Failure (or, The Failure of Success) Mathew Janczewski/Morton Subotnick: Ugly Justin Jones: the SCREEN/the THING Marc Bamuthi Joseph: the break/s Maia Maiden/Ellena Schoop: The Foundation, et cetera Meredith Monk/Ann Hamilton: Songs of Ascension The National Theater of the United States of America: Chautauqua! David Neumann/advanced beginner group:

David Neumann/advanced beginner group: feedforward

Chris Schlichting: love things

Touring Performance Attendance				24,400+
Host Venues	Host Cities		Host Countries	
41	30		8	
Artist Presenta	tions and Engag	ements		1,425
Visual Arts		221	Performing Arts	528
Film/Video		181	Education	418
Design		77		
				10
Artist Residence	cies			10
Visual Arts		1	Performing Arts	7

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Tomás Saraceno

Film/Video

Ramin Bahrani Astra Taylor The Builders Association Eiko & Koma David Gordon Pick Up Performance Co(S.) Cynthia Hopkins Young Jean Lee National Theater of the United States of America Jay Schieb and Anthony Gatto

### Interdisciplinary Collaborations

Exhibition/Performance: Trisha Brown (Visual Arts and Performing Arts) Tim Crouch: England (Performing Arts and Visual Arts) Exhibition: Text/Messages: Books by Artists

(Visual Arts and Library/Archives)

Dean Wareham and Britta Phillips: 13 Most Beautiful...Songs for Andy Warhol's "Screen Tests" (Performing Arts and Film/Video)



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Walker Staff Honors and Awards			
Association of Performing Arts Presenters: Fan Faylor Distinguished Gervice Award Philip Bither	Cooper-Hewitt National Design Award: Corporate and Institutional Achievement — Walker Art Center	Museums and the Web: Best Innovative or Experimental Site — My Yard, Our Message	Design Studio Awards — 6

# AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIC COMMITMENT

Total Walker Att	endance		671,757
Garden Attendance	382,328	Gateway Event Visits	20%
Gallery Attendance	142,608	Visitors of Color	13%
Event and Building Attend	dance 146,821	Teen and Youth Visitors	15%
Free Gallery Visits	60%	Lower Income Visitors (les	ss than \$25K) 20%
walkerart.org Us	er Sessions		1,782,999
Average Length of Visit (minutes)	Blog User Sessions  317,461	Walker Channel Presentations	Walker E-mail Subscribers
1:57	517,401	48	42,124
mnartists.org Use	er Sessions		684,039
Average Length of Visit (minutes)	Registered Artists	All-time Articles	E-newsletter Subscribers
3:25	15,330	4,660	11,119
artsconnected.or	g User Sessions		1,154,680
Average Length of Visit (minutes)	I		
16:53			
Art on Call User	Sessions		13,139
Average Stops per Call	Exhibitions Featured	Programs Featured	
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### STEWARDSHIP

Artists in Walker Permanent Collection 1,575				
Women Artists — 21%	Minnesota Artists — 11%	Artists of Color (Self-identified) — 8%	Global Artists (non-Western; U.S., Canada, and Europe omitted)  7%	
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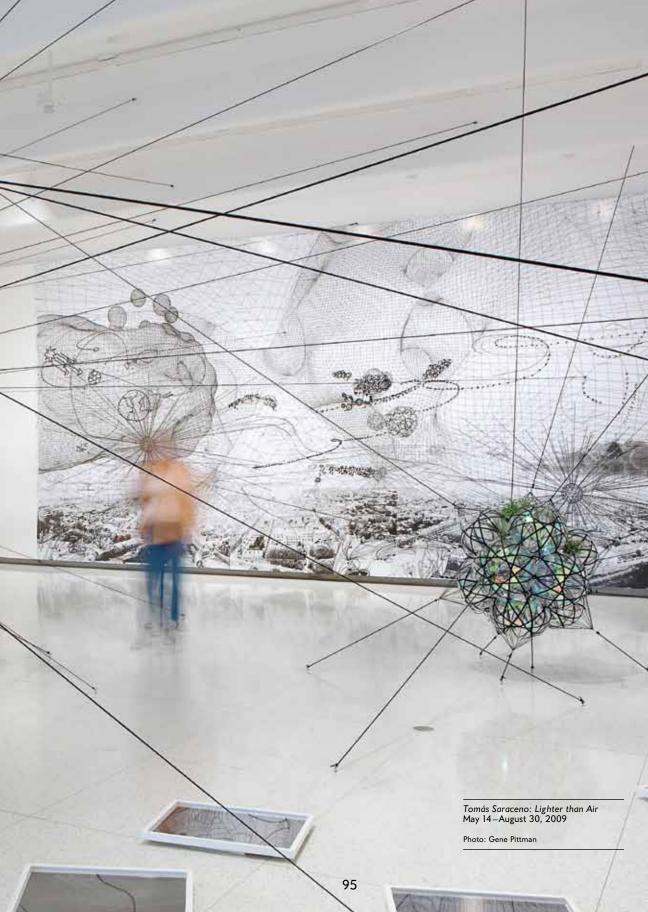




Don't Sleep on It: 24-hour Art-making Marathon, organized by WACTAC May 15–16, 2009

Photos: Gene Pittman





William Klein: In and Out of Fashion A Regis Dialogue and Retrospective May 15–June 26, 2009 The Model Couple (1975)

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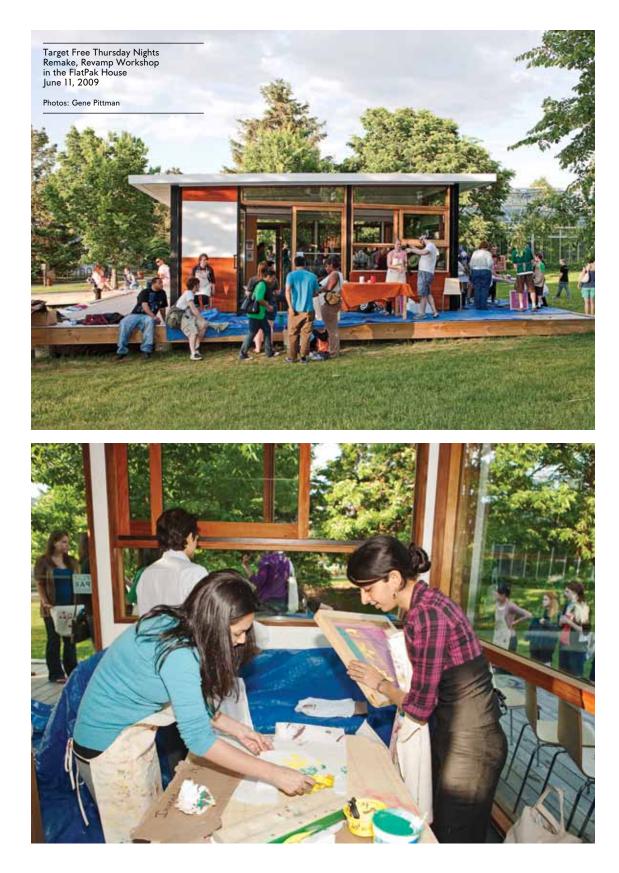
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Rock the Garden The Decemberists (pictured), Calexico, Yeasayer, and Solid Gold June 20, 2009

Photo: Cameron Wittig

Rock the Garden



New Acquisition: George Segal The Tar Roofer (1964) Gift of Donna and Carroll Janis, 2009

Photo: Gene Pittman

# ACQUISITIONS & GIFTS

You (the viewer) are requested to write, draw, or otherwise indicate any response suggested by this situation (this statement, the blank notebook and pen, the museum context, your immediate state of mind, etc.) in the pages of the notebook beneath this sign.

So begins the invitation to Context #7 (1970), a participatory work by Adrian Piper presented for the first time in 1970 at the Museum of Modern Art's (MoMA) Information exhibition and purchased by the Walker in 2008. The Walker has consciously sought to define - through judicious purchases and generous gifts - a place where art meets life, and this theme emerged visibly in works acquired during this fiscal year. For Piper, an African American artist whose work addresses race and power, the authority to make, to mark, and to think aloud is handed over to another individual-this time the museum visitor, whose musings recorded on-site during the MoMA show now fill the seven binders that constitute this work. Comments are angry, humorous, dead serious, epigrammatic, and provocative. They variously touch on race, the war in Vietnam, New York City, conceptual art, the police, feminism, art, and, through more oblique reflections, reveal a general yearning for a new way to look at the world.

As Piper's piece makes clear, the 1960s and 1970s represented a time of dramatic transition for artists across the globe. Hierarchies between established disciplines and media were melding, and notions of artistic value, skill, and content were redefined. Over the years, the Walker has remained uniquely attentive to these developments and welcomed the diverse perspectives offered by contemporary artists on societal, political, and aesthetic issues. The recent purchase of works by figures such as Japanese artist Akasegawa Genpei, for example, attests to the power of art to trigger dissent in a "live" economy. Akasegawa began his career as a painter, but became the subject of courtroom drama in 1966 when he was indicted for printing on (and producing his own) banknotes. Objects now in the collection, including a mask literally bound in cash (One-Thousand-Yen Note Trial Impound Object: Mask, 1963) and a jar of money ("Greater Japan Zero-Yen Notes" and Bottled Money from Exchange, 1967), raise essential questions concerning art's imitative properties, authorship, and "real" value in postwar Japan. Similarly, a major purchase of work by his contemporary, Tetsumi Kudo — the subject of the Walker's landmark 2008 exhibition Tetsumi Kudo: Garden of Metamorphosisreinforces the ties between lived experience and artistic

content. Born in 1935 and raised during the rise of a militarized Japan and World War II, Kudo and his generation came of age in the midst of total devastation followed by breakneck reconstruction. The Walker's new piece, *Philosophy of Impotence, or Distribution of Map of Impotence and the Appearance of Protective Domes at the Points of Saturation* (1961–1962), embodies notions of power and its opposite impotence—in a hybrid arrangement of objects presented in a room-size installation. Arguably Kudo's most important work of the period—and of his oeuvre, for that matter it was seen by the artist as deeply humanist, imagining and intimating transformation in unabashedly physical, psychological, and spiritual terms.

Acknowledging the array of experiences and emotions visitors bring to their encounters of art plays an important thematic role in several purchases this past year. In 1967, Argentinean artist David Lamelas created Limit of a Projection I, a disarmingly simple work made by the beam of a theatrical spotlight striking the floor. While embodying a minimalist simplicity, this piece functions on multiple levels. Almost immediately, the viewer is made aware of two zones—one illuminated, the other in darkness. The metaphors of light and dark-enlightenment (or more basically, information) and its opposite, negation—are made almost sculpturally present by the work's structure. But it also posits an opportunity for the viewer to occupy or ignore the intensely visible spotlight, tapping into deep-seated behaviors that vary from individual to individual. Nearly 40 years later, a different kind of invitation is made, albeit in dramatically varied terms, in a work by Berlin-based artist Tino Sehgal. This objective of that object (2004) is a "constructed situation"—an action that begins when a visitor enters the gallery and is engaged in dialogue by "interpreters." Depending on the visitor's response, the interaction plays out to various ends, until someone else enters the space and a new sequence unfolds. For both Lamelas and Sehgal, "outcome," a term historically equated with finished objects, is alternatively defined by the visitors' willingness to play along, thereby passing the responsibility of realization, at least partially, to another person. The fact that these works from distinct eras and artists arrived at the Walker at more or less the same time speaks as much to a cohesive vision of the organization as it does to pure serendipity and chance effect, important concepts in themselves for contemporary art.

To the extent that objects embody ideas that transcend the literalness of form, the Walker embraces a variety of media, genres, and themes inflected by the institution's multidisciplinary scope. This year a number of artists responded to familiar forms from everyday life. Objects such as a celebrity photograph, a pair of mythical beasts used as stage ornaments, and a cowboy hat, for example, appear in acquired works, however diverse their applications. Brooklyn-based artist Rachel Harrison's Huffy Howler (2004) may be considered a piece of "sculpture," though her acquisitive strategies and layered approach enable this single work to serve alternatively as a collage of handmade and consumer goods. Featuring a mass-market bike, a tabloid photo of Mel Gibson, and leather designer handbags filled with rocks, the work offers a contemporary twist on historic equine statuary and its attendant themes of sport and victory. American artist Trisha Donnelly's Untitled (2008) also deploys found elements, in this case two of plaster sphinxes with nautical headlamps affixed to their heads. Calling to mind the marble lions that guard the exteriors of neoclassical museums and libraries, these enigmatic figures possess their own unique aura, defining space with a blinding light. The associative power of familiar items also informs Romanian-born/Paris-based artist Mircea Cantor's Talking Mirror (2007), an inverted cowboy hat filled to the brim with motor oil-materials that simultaneously evoke frontiersmanship, disputes over natural resources, and even (in the oil's reflective properties) the story of Narcissus. Like many of the artists discussed here, Cantor plays with art's capacity to mingle aspects of memory and popular culture, responding to issues of his time through objects at once intimate and symbolic.

Stories real and imagined framed several important acquisitions. Today, as in the past, the Walker strives to capture works by artists using the most current technologies and resources, particularly as they shape and support content. Chinese artist Cao Fei, whose work first appeared in the Walker's 2007 exhibition Brave New Worlds, produced i.Mirror by China Tracy (AKA: Cao Fei) (2007), a DVD projection based on excerpts from the virtual world of Second Life, where avatars act out self-produced fantasies. Many references come to mind when watching i.Mirror -French New Wave cinema, the video game Grand Theft Auto, for example. In other instances, simplicity is often the most powerful and disarming outlet, as African American artist Kara Walker's Search for ideas supporting the Black Man as a work of Modern Art/Contemporary Painting. A death without end: an appreciation of the Creative Spirit of Lynch Mobs- (2007) makes clear. The work is composed of 52 "paintings" in the form of written texts that interrogate domination at every level of human relationships, be they amorous, political, economic, sexual, institutional, or racial. The subject of our 2007 award-winning touring exhibition, Kara Walker: My Complement, My Enemy, My Oppressor, My Love, Walker's work is held in depth, and the artist's whose developments and touchstone moments are closely tracked by active collecting.

Walker history emerged as an important impetus for acquiring works this past year. JoAnn Verburg, a Twin Cities-based photographer, began making life-size portraits in the early 1980s while serving as a visiting artist at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. During this time she rented a room from Nigel Redden, then the Walker's performing arts curator, who also housed many of our artists-in-residence. Verburg began photographing these performers, which deeply influenced her approach to depicting the body. She was soon commissioned by the Walker to document David Byrne and Robert Wilson's premiere of the Knee Plays, a series of music-theater vignettes to accompany Wilson's epic production the CIVIL warS. On the occasion of the 2008 presentation of the touring survey Present Tense: Photographs by JoAnn Verburg, we acquired Verburg's five-part portrait of the artists and their collaborators (Knee Plays Group No. 2, 1984), marking a significant moment in the institution's cross-disciplinary history. The Walker also purchased Verburg's WTC (2003), furthering its holdings by this distinguished American artist.

Exhibitions continue to fuel collection growth, and unique gifts emerged from projects dating as far back as 1978, when George Segal's The Tar Roofer (1964), generously gifted by Donna and Carroll Janis, was shown here in the exhibition George Segal: Sculptures. The taut emotion of this piece, communicated through the gesture of the figure, and its impressive scale make it unique among those in the Walker's possession. Almost concurrently, the long-term loan of Morris Louis' Dalet Chaf (1958) transitioned to full-gift status. Louis was one of the most influential of the group known as the Color Field painters, which emerged in the 1950s as Abstract Expressionism was in full swing. On the occasion of the 1978 Walker-organized exhibition Morris Louis: The Veil Cycle, which traveled throughout the United States, the painting was secured as an extended loan and has remained a fixture of the collection ever since.

Every addition of a work to the collection not only adds to its scope and personality, but also offers new opportunities to present and contextualize the art of our time. In the coming year, many of the works discussed will be featured in our new collection exhibition, *Event Horizon*, which in its more than two-year development will occasion myriad ways to celebrate and explore recent gifts and acquisitions.

Darsie Alexander Chief Curator

#### 2008 GIFTS

#### **Multiples**

William Christenberry The Alabama Box 1980 wooden box with mixed media; ed. 12/20 Gift of Ann Birks, in honor of Philippe Vergne, 2008

#### **Photographs**

Andreas Gursky Klitschko 1999 chromogenic print; ed. 4/6 Partial gift of Charles J. Betlach II, 2008

Tetsumi Kudo Monument of Metamorphosis (Monument de métamorphose) 1970 photograph scanned and printed on paper by computer, mounted to board Gift of Hiroko Kudo, 2008

Ana Mendieta Bacayú 1981 black-and-white photograph Gift of Zoë and Joel Dictrow, 2008

Shirin Neshat Passage Series 2001 Cibachrome Partial gift of Carol and Judson Bemis, 2008

#### Works on Paper

Chuck Close Self-Portrait 2008 screenprint on paper; Walker Proof, edition of 80 Gift of the artist, 2008

R. Buckminster Fuller Synergetic Folio 1977 10 screenprints on paper; ed. 37/44 Gift of Leandro P. Rizzuto, 2008

Frank Gaard Unnecessary Roughness 1998–1999 ink on paper Gift of Kathy Halbreich, 2008

Ellsworth Kelly Study for Red Green Blue 1964 oil on paper Gift of the artist, in honor of Judy and Kenneth Dayton, 2008 (pictured above)

Christian Marclay Bent Guitar 1999 collage on paper Gift of Annie and Peter Remes, in honor of Philippe Vergne, 2008



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Study for Red Green Blue

#### 2008 PURCHASES

#### Action/Performance

Tino Sehgal This objective of that object 2004 constructed situation; ed. 1/4 T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

#### **Photographs**

Armando Andrade Tudela Solarised Photogram #2 2007 color photograph mounted on aluminum; ed. 1/2 Clinton and Della Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

Peter Hujar Palermo Catacombs #10 1963 gelatin silver print T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

Peter Hujar Turbulent Surface-Sperlonga 1978 gelatin silver print T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

Peter Hujar Blanket 1985 gelatin silver print T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

Peter Hujar Dead Dog, Newark 1985 gelatin silver print T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008



Peter Hujar High Heel in Ruins 1985 gelatin silver print T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

#### Sculpture

Tomma Abts Aeid 2006 cast aluminum; ed. 1/1, 1 AP T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

Robert Barry Electromagnetic Energy Field 1968 electromagnetic energy transmitter T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

Mircea Cantor *Talking Mirror* 2007 size 7 1/8 platinum "El Patron" from the Larry Mahan collection by Milano Hats, polyester-resin tray, used motor oil, distressed pine; ed. 1/3 Butler Family Fund, 2008 (pictured above)

#### Rachel Harrison

Huffy Howler 2004 wood, polystyrene, Parex, cement, acrylic, Huffy Howler bicycle, handbags, rocks, stones, gravel, brick, sheepskin, metal pole, enlarged publicity still of Mel Gibson in *Braveheart*, binder clips T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008 (pictured above)

Tetsumi Kudo Olympic Winners Platform (Pollution Olympics—Pollution Game—L'art pressentiment) 1970–1972



painted wood and pegboard, cotton, plastic, polyester, adhesive, painted cage, artificial flowers, toy birds, chains, fishing weights, wires, vinyl tubing T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008 (pictured on page 12)

Tetsumi Kudo

Meditation in the Endlesstape of the Future <—> Past 1979 painted cage, cotton, wood, plastic, polyester, resin, mag-

netic audiotape, tape cassettes, string, hair, adhesive T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

#### Kris Martin

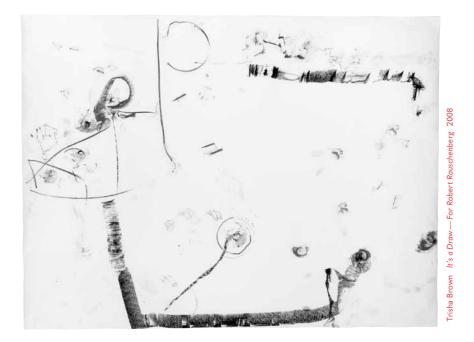
Anonymous II 2009 buried human skeleton, certificate accompanying burial T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008 Gift of skeleton to Kiki Smith from David Wojnarowicz; subsequently gifted by Smith to the Walker Art Center to make this work possible

Zheng Guogu AD 2000, Rust Another 2000 Years II 2007 brass Butler Family Fund, 2008

#### Video

Sean Snyder Schema (Television) 2006–2007 DVD (color, sound); ed. 1/3 Clinton and Della Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

Erik van Lieshout Homeland Security 2007 HD video (color, sound) T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008



#### Works on Paper

Trisha Brown

It's a Draw—For Robert Rauschenberg 2008 charcoal, pastel on paper Julie and Babe Davis Acquisition Fund and the Miriam and Erwin Kelen Acquisition Fund for Drawings, 2008 (pictured above)

Tetsumi Kudo Untitled 1959-1963 collage, synthetic resin on wood T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

#### Tetsumi Kudo

Meditation Between Programmed Future and Recorded Memory (Meditation entre futur programmé et mémoire enregistrée) 1973-1974 pastel, crayon, watercolor, graphite on paper T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

Tetsumi Kudo untitled circa 1976 string on cardboard T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

### Adrian Piper

Context #7 1970 7 black notebooks, ink, graphite, crayon, postage stamps, photograph, sugar package on paper T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

Erik van Lieshout 9 untitled works from the series *The Israel-Diary* 2007 mixed media on paper T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2008

#### 2009 GIFTS

#### **Multiples**

Sanford Biggers Norton Christmas Project 2008 electronic device, color laser-print on adhesive label, lenticular print Gift of Olga Viso, 2009

#### Paintings

Morris Louis Dalet Chaf 1958 acrylic resin on canvas Gift of the Marcella Brenner Revocable Trust, 2009

#### **Photographs**

Chris Larson Blast 2009 digital print Gift of Marjorie and Irving Weiser, 2009

Yoshioka Yahuhiro Monument of Metamorphosis 1969–1970 gelatin silver print Gift of Hiroko Kudo, 2009

#### Sculpture

George Segal The Tar Roofer 1964 plaster, wood, tar, enamel, rope, mop, buckets Gift of Donna and Carroll Janis, 2009 (pictured on page 100)



3ottled Money from Exchange 1967

#### Works on Paper

Robyn Stoller Awend and Howard Oransky Stolen Memory from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2007 letterpress on paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

Christine Baeumler Turban Shell from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2007 lithograph, relief print on paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

Hanne Darboven Untitled 1973 graphite on 3 sheets of paper Gift of the Buddy Taub Foundation, Jill and Dennis Roach, Directors, 2009

Jim Dryden In My Room from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2007 woodcut on paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

lil Evans Prospero's Branch Galapagos, 11/20/06 from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2007 solarplate on paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

Camille |. Gage A Dream Once Lost from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2007 intaglio on paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

#### Leah Golberstein

Cedar Lake from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2008 photopolymer print on hand-made paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

#### Fred Hagstrom

Hover from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2008 intaglio, chine collé on paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

Tetsumi Kudo Program for the Happening Harakiri of Humanism 1963 mimeograph on paper Gift of Hiroko Kudo, 2009

Tetsumi Kudo Score for the Happenings Bottled Humanism and Instant Sperm 1964 mimeograph on paper Gift of Hiroko Kudo, 2009

Tetsumi Kudo Study for Olympic Winners Platform (Pollution Olympics-Pollution Game — L'art presentiment) 1972 graphite, ink, paint on paper (two-sided) Gift of Hiroko Kudo, 2009

Tetsumi Kudo Study for Monument of Metamorphosis 1969 ink on map Gift of Hiroko Kudo, 2009

Tetsumi Kudo Study for Monument of Metamorphosis 1969 ink on paper Gift of Hiroko Kudo, 2009



David Lamelas Limit of a Projection I 1967

Tetsumi Kudo

Study for Philosophy of Impotence or Distribution Map of Impotence and the Appearance of Protective Domes at the Points of Saturation circa 1958 graphite, ink on paper (two-sided) Gift of Hiroko Kudo, 2009

Joyce Lyon

Contessa's Garden, Lower Alley V from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2007 lithograph on paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

Lynda Monick-Isenberg

nth root from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2007 intaglio on paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

Faye Passow

Sometimes Chaos is All You Can See from Here from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2007 lithograph on paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

Melba Price

Untitled #2, #10, #11, #15, and #28 2008 gouache on paper

Gift of Collectors' Group Acquisitions Fund (Maurice and Sally Blanks, Robert Bras and Julie Matonich, Toby and Mae Dayton, M. Nazie Eftekhari, John Cullen and Joe Gibbons, Katharine L. Kelly, Ron Lotz and Randy Hartten, Sanders and Tasha Marvin, Dr. Tim J. and Kimberly Montgomery, Leni and David Moore, Jr./The Moore Family Fund for the Arts of The Minneapolis Foundation, Joan and John Nolan, Rebecca C. and Robert Pohlad, Alan Polsky, Susan and Rob White), 2009 David Rich Is it the Moon? (that pulls us together) from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2007 intaglio on paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

John Saurer from Contact II series from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2007 intaglio, chine collé, digital pigment print on paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

Jeff Wetzig more leftovers from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2008 woodcut on paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

Jody Williams relative impression of infinite depth from the portfolio Intimate Immensity 2007 intaglio on paper; ed. 7/25 Gift of Form + Content Gallery in honor of Olga Viso, 2009

#### 2009 PURCHASES

#### Film

Rivane Neuenschwander Pangea's Diaries 2008 digital photographs transferred to 16mm film; ed. 1/8 Justin Smith Purchase Fund, 2009

#### **Multiples**

Huang Yong Ping This Part of Every Shoe is Good 1986–2009 men's shoes, plaster, metal; ed. of 100 T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2009

#### Photographs

JoAnn Verburg Knee Plays Group No. 2 1984 5 gelatin silver prints; ed. 4/5 T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2009

JoAnn Verburg WTC 2003 chromogenic print; ed. of 5 T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2009

#### Sculpture

Akasegawa Genpei One-Thousand-Yen Note Trial Impound Object: Mask 1963 imitation 1000 Yen sheets, plaster mask, string, wire, paper tags T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2009 (pictured on page 108)

#### Akasegawa Genpei

"Greater Japan Zero-Yen Notes" and Bottled Money from Exchange 1967 glass jar, printed material, envelopes, letters, currency T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2009



Trisha Donnelly Untitled 2008 plaster, horsehair, paint, pillows, belts, lamps T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2009

Hi Red Center Hi Red Cans 1964 tin cans containing unidentified objects T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2009

#### Tetsumi Kudo

Philosophy of Impotence, or Distribution of Map of Impotence and the Appearance of Protective Domes at the Points of Saturation 1961–1962 plastic bowls, paper, cotton, plastic, polyester, duct tape, lightbulbs, string, magazine pages T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2009 (pictured on pages 32–33)

#### David Lamelas

Limit of a Projection I 1967 theater spotlight in darkened room; ed. 1/1 with 1 AP T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2009 (pictured on page 109)

#### Video

Cao Fei *i.Mirror by China Tracy (AKA: Cao Fei)* 2007 DVD (color, sound); ed. 9/12 Justin Smith Purchase Fund, 2009 (pictured above) Copy of a Copy of a Copy of a thing That Loved, Once to call on ladies AND Wear smart suits in Juke Joints The Same is the Same is the Same Black Blood Coursing through her veins. Dumb and Inert. Juts his chin defiantly and Woos a new girl

#### Works on Paper

Akasegawa Genpei One-Thousand-Yen Note Trial Poster 1967 two-sided offset lithograph on paper T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2009

#### Kara Walker

Search for ideas supporting the Black Man as a work of Modern Art/Contemporary Painting. A death without end: an appreciation of the Creative Spirit of Lynch Mobs— 2007 ink on 52 sheets of paper T. B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 2009 (pictured above)

Sarah Sze Notepad 2008 offset color lithograph, laser-engraved paper and board; ed. 30/40 McKnight Acquisition Fund, 2009

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$21,700,570
Investments	109,073,128
Receivable for investments with settlements pending	16,099,383
Beneficial interest in trust	18,861,482
Receivables	10,241,454
Inventories	508,008
Prepaid expenses	156,864
Property, plant, and equipment (net of depreciation)	71,181,969

### Total assets

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Payables		\$1,737,337	
Charitable gift ann	uity	13,642	
Deferred charge		78,985	
Unearned income		148,850	
Deferred rent		813,020	
Special assessmen	t liability	6,298,361	
Asset retirement o	bligation	509,999	
Note payable		7,325,000	
Bonds payable		11,425,000	\$28,350,194
Net assets			
Unrestricted	Board-designated endowment	22,140,129	
	Property, plant, equipment	55,502,620	
	Operations	240,182	77,882,931
Temporarily re	estricted		69,747,983
Permanently r	estricted		71,841,750

### Total liabilities and net assets

The condensed statement of operations and the condensed statement of financial position are derived from the financial statements of the Walker Art Center as of June 30, 2009, which have been audited by KPMG LLP. The statement of operations does not include receipts and disbursements of funds for the acquisition of works of art, and the statement of financial position does not include the value of the museum's collection. A complete set of the Walker's audited financial statements for 2008–2009 is available upon request.

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### Walker Art Center Condensed Statement of Operations June 30, 2009

### Revenue

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Program-earned income	
Exhibitions	400,163
Education	291,748
Performing Arts	524,214
Film/Video	234,396
New Media Initiatives	10,000
Minneapolis Sculpture Garden 20th Anniversary	22,185
Rock the Garden	421,508
Museum Admissions, Walker Shop, Food Service/Facility Rental, Other	2,412,353
Contributions	7,895,265
Endowment Draw	7,202,450

## **Total Revenue**

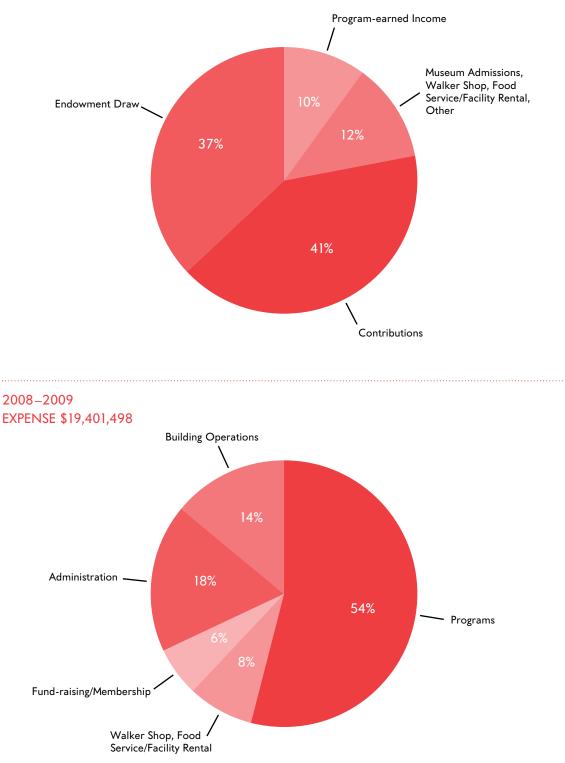
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## Expense

Programs	
Exhibitions	4,773,837
Education	1,665,283
Performing Arts	2,381,183
Film/Video	791,121
New Media Initiatives	366,615
Minneapolis Sculpture Garden 20th Anniversary	126,262
Rock the Garden	367,757
Walker Shop, Food Service/Facility Rental	1,464,796
Fund-raising/Membership	1,166,009
Administration	3,532,819
Building Operations	2,765,816
Total Expense	\$19,401,498
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